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Eight held in coach bomb inquiry as Thatcher agrees terror crackdown

Tough moves to counter IRA violence

- The Government's counter offensive against the IRA was signalled yesterday after talks held by Mrs Thatcher at No 10 Downing Street
- The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King, said afterwards that "certain measures" would become apparent in a very short time
- In Northern Ireland eight men were arrested for questioning in connection with the bomb which killed eight soldiers in a coach last weekend
- Mr King earlier said that the latest upsurge in IRA violence had been made possible by the supply of explosives and weapons by Colonel Gadaffi of Libya

By Richard Ford, Michael Evans, Ronald Faux and David Sapsted

Tough new security measures approved by Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday and dawn arrests of eight men in Northern Ireland signalled a counter offensive against the Provisional IRA.

The men were held for questioning about "serious terrorist crimes" at Gough Barracks, Co Armagh, by Special Branch officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The officers are investigating the coach bomb explosion which killed eight soldiers of the Light Infantry and injured 27 on the road to Omagh last Saturday. The men arrested came from the Omagh area.

Senior police sources in the province admitted that the Army bus bombing would form the central theme of the interrogations. Under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, the police have seven days in which they can question the men.

At No 10, after a two-hour meeting between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, it was disclosed that a number of security measures had been agreed. Mr King said certain measures would become apparent soon.

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Although no details were given, it is believed that internment has still been ruled out. Mrs Thatcher has also been advised against sending more troops. "More troops means more targets for the IRA", one source said.

Some of the tactics agreed between Mrs Thatcher and Mr King will remain secret while detailed work continues on other measures put forward during exhaustive discussions at Downing Street.

After the meeting Mr King said that the Government faced "a serious vicious terrorist challenge" which would be met.

Last night the IRA issued what was described by security sources as a "hypocritical" statement, saying that in future car bombs would be equipped with a warning smoke grenade that would explode shortly after the bomb had been parked to serve as a warning to people to clear the area.

Army and police sources denounced the statement as a "disgraceful piece of cynicism." One source said :"Whatever they say, they are talking about murder."

As Mr King was preparing to meet Mrs Thatcher, he blamed the latest upsurge in Provisional IRA violence on the support for the terrorists from Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

Mr King said the violence had been made worse "by the support of Colonel Gadaffi and the substantial weapons and explosives that he has made available to this Marxist revolutionary terrorist group".

Four boatloads of armaments, including surface-to-air missiles, from Libya are suspected of having been smuggled into the Irish Republic for use by the Provisional IRA.

Mr King added: "I think that the injection by Colonel Gadaffi of more powerful explosives and additional weapons have given some people the idea that somehow violence can actually win".

Mr King said certain decisions had been reached while some required further detailed work. "I have to say on the matters under discussion, that matters have been resolved and some of them will become apparent shortly in various particular ways but in other respects I am not at liberty to go into them in detail".

Mr King added: "Nobody should doubt the commitment of the Prime Minister, the Government and myself to ensure that in the interests of the people of Northern Ireland, and of the people of the UK and indeed in the world where we all have an interest in the defeat of terrorism, what needs to be done will be done".

Mr King, who will have further meetings with the Prime Minister on the review of security, said the Government was in close contact with the Irish Republic's Government on a number of matters. He emphasized the importance of co-operation in the fight against terrorism.

Meanwhile, Labour urged the Government to put pressure of the Czech authorities to cut of the supply of Semtex explosive to Libya which supplies the Provisional IRA. Mr

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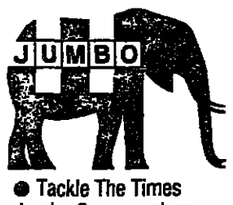
Crackdown on terror: Mr King addressing newsmen outside No 10 after the strategy against the IRA had been reviewed (Photograph: James Gray).

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Tackle The Times Jumbo Crossword, an essential part of the Bank Holiday weekend.

WIN £174,000

There was one winner of yesterday's £4,000 daily prize (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £174,000.

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Lost Piper Alpha oil production is costing firms about £3m a day

By Kerry Gill and Colin Narborough

The loss of oil production caused by the Piper Alpha rig disaster last month is costing the companies involved £3 million a day, according analysts at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Their estimates, published today, show oil output failing to stage its usual July recovery, mainly due to the impact of the rig explosion on July 6 and the shutdowns it triggered.

The analysts expect even worse figures for this month, as it would be the first full month with no output from the six fields affected by the catastrophe in which 167 men were killed.

The Royal Bank of Scotland said last month's oil production was more than 200,000 barrels a day below forecasts, representing a daily revenue loss of about £3 million.

Lawyers acting for survivors and relatives of the victims of the Piper Alpha disaster yesterday reached agreement with the Occidental oil company for compensation between the level likely to be awarded in Britain and the larger sums usually won in the United States.

It estimates the daily value of North Sea oil production at £18.8 million in July, only £600,000 better than June, the main month for maintenance activity. In July last year, the daily value was £30.7 million.

Although its output index shows a 4.3 per cent rise on June, it was 13.4 per cent below July last year.

Three fields owned by Occidental — Piper, Claymore and Scapa — and three Texaco fields — Tartan, Petronella and Highlander — are linked to Piper Alpha and have been put out of action.

Mr David Mudd, Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne, has meanwhile made startling allegations that diving bells, used by divers to carry out vital safety checks on North Sea oil rigs, have contained no more than tape recordings of heavy breathing.

The tapes, placed inside some bells, were used to trick inspectors into believing that the checks were being conscientiously performed, he claimed.

Instead, he said, the diving bells were empty. He said divers, claiming to be too frightened of victimization to speak publicly, had made the allegations.

Mr Mudd has urged the Government to investigate the allegations as part of the inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster.

Last night, Mr Ed Punchard, one of the divers who escaped from the Piper Alpha rig, said he was not surprised by the allegations. "I am glad that this is being brought out by Mr Mudd. There are an awful lot of things that the inquiry into the disaster must investigate", he said.

He said the allegations would be the "worst and most sensational" examples of companies cutting corners to complete jobs on time.

"This may well be a one-off, but it is an indication of what can happen because of financial restraints."

Mr Punchard said the work performed by divers in bells was monitored, but there

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Licence for Piggott's daughter

By Andrew Moger

The condition of Mrs Susan Piggott, wife of Lester Piggott, the jailed former champion jockey , has shown slight improvement for the first time since she was admitted to hospital with severe head and chest injuries after a riding accident.

The couple's eldest daughter, Maureen, aged 27, will take over the running of the family stables at Newmarket after being granted a temporary licence.

Mrs Piggott, aged 47, had taken charge of the stables

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after her husband was jailed last October for tax fraud.

The Jockey Club accepted that Miss Piggott had effectively acted as assistant trainer to her mother at the Eve Lodge Stables.

Mrs Piggott suffered extensive injuries to her chest, affecting her left lung, and a double fracture of her skull when her horse fell and rolled on top of her during exercise.

She is on a ventilator in the neuro-sciences intensive care unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, which specializes in head injuries.

Miss Piggott, a successful three-day event rider, said: "She's much the same, but going in the right direction".

She said: "I will hold the licence for as long as necessary, but I'm obviously keen for my mother to get back home as soon as possible."

Burma celebrates move to democracy

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

The new Burmese leader, President Maung Maung, threatened to resign last night unless the ruling party gave up its monopoly of power and agreed to a national referendum on multi-party democracy.

The warning came as hundreds of thousands of demonstrators — including disgruntled soldiers and civil servants, protested peacefully in Rangoon for greater democracy. It was the largest demonstration seen in the city for 40 years.

Hours earlier, the President had lifted martial law in Rangoon, imposed three weeks ago, as the Government's authority became more tenuous. The end of martial law was made inevitable by the crumbling support for the regime within the military, police and bureaucrats.

President Maung Maung said an emergency congress of the Burmese Socialist Programme Party would be held on September 12 to decide on the democracy issue.

Free elections are one of the major political reforms demanded by the Burmese people, whose protests over the past two and a half weeks have brought the socialist-military regime near to collapse.

President Maung Maung said the party congress would be followed next day by a session of Parliament to endorse the party decision.

Speaking after the lifting of martial law, a Western diplomat in Rangoon said the Government as "buying time".

Moreover nothing the Government has done so far appears likely to pacify its opponents or divert them from their other main objectives: the release of political prisoners and guarantees of free speech, and a free press.

Results show rise in standards

GCSE proves 'success story'

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Despite "teething" troubles, the results of the new GCSE examination show a small but significant rise in standards, it was claimed by the examiners yesterday.

Mr Dennis Hatfield, chairman of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said: "We think it looks like a success story. The vast majority of candidates have got what they hoped for and what they and their teachers deserved."

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said: "The results mark an important stage in our efforts to raise education standards. The good start is confirmed by the latest reports from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education."

The last average national figures for all GCE O levels show that 6.8 per cent achieved A grades compared with 8.6 per cent in the GCSE. The figure for all GCE passes from A to C was 39.8 per cent compared with 41.8 per cent for GCSE.

Mr Baker, who said the six examining groups were already reviewing syllabuses, procedures and coursework requirements, added: "Of course there have been some hitches and hiccups along the way. Faced with a new exam of such importance, teachers, pupils and parents have naturally been worried about how it would work out.

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"The figures bear out the strong evidence from the inspectors that the exam has already brought significant improvements in teaching and learning."

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "We need to make sure we don't have any of the administrative cock-ups we had this year. Late-arriving syllabuses and too much course-work in some subjects had placed a great strain on some of the pupils and teachers this year."

A spokesman for the National Union of Teachers said: "Parents, employers, and the community will all recognize the efforts that have been made, often in the face of the rushed introduction, the patchy training, the lack of adequate finance and the teething troubles".

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "The fact that the new examination has been made to work tolerably well is a tremendous tribute to the adaptability of the pupils and the frantic efforts made by teachers to compensate for shortcomings and problems which were inevitable."

Guinness seeks appeal to Lords

By John Bell, City Editor

Guinness is seeking leave to take its legal battle with the City Takeover Panel to the House of Lords.

Last month the drinks and retailing group lost a key ruling in the Court of Appeal which could make it liable to pay an estimated £100 million to former shareholders in Distillers.

The Court of Appeal ruled that the Takeover Panel did not act unfairly when when it decided that Guinness breached the takeover code during the £2.7 billion battle for the scotch whisky group.

The panel's investigation centred on Guinness's involvement in a concert party purchase of 10.66 million Distillers' shares at the height of the bid battle with Argyll, the supermarket group.

Guinness sought a judicial review of the panel's decision which was turned down. The Court of Appeal upheld that decision.

The company stressed it "does not wish to challenge the authority of the panel, but only seeks to ensure that no ruling is made until sufficient of the relevant facts are known."

The company added its prime duty is to protect the interests of shareholders and that it has been advised that there are good legal grounds for an appeal to the Lords.

Guinness has, it said, a responsibility to pursue the appropriate remedies open to it. "This is important in the context of claims which the company may wish to make against third parties and any potential claims against Guinness, which it would defend." A ruling on the appeal is not expected for several weeks.

Spy case tactics 'overheard in the Garrick Club'



Mr Turnbull: Book on his legal battle out next month.

From A Correspondent
Sydney

An overheard conversation involving the then Attorney General Sir Michael Havers — now Lord Havers — in the lavatory of London's Garrick Club is said to have given vital information to the defence lawyers in the *Spycatcher* trial.

The alleged incident, which Lord Havers strongly denied last night, is described in a book to be published in Australia next month documenting the legal battle fought against the British Government's attempts to suppress the memoirs of former MI5 officer Peter Wright. The book, *The Spycatcher Trial*, is written by Mr Wright's Australian lawyer Mr Malcolm Turnbull, aged 34.

Before the trial started in November 1986, Mr Turnbull records receiving information via a source at the Garrick Club. He writes: "It appeared that the Attorney General Sir Michael Havers was fond of sharing the heavy burdens of his great office with certain companions at the Garrick Club in London. One of his companions related Sir Michael's remark to a friend who passed them onto me (Mr Turnbull).

"The first piece of intelligence from this source was that Sir Michael had been overheard in the Garrick *pissoir* exulting in his own cleverness. He had, he said, persuaded Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, that the Australian Government should give evidence in support of Britain.

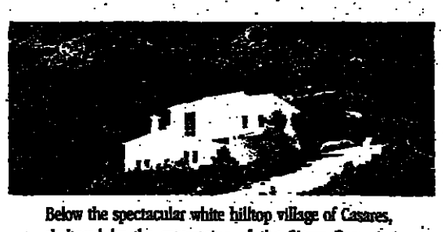
"He added that Australia might even intervene in the proceedings and effectively take over the running from Britain. This was bad news indeed." But Mr Turnbull was able to act on this information, making representation to the office of the Australian Attorney General, Mr Lionel Bowen, and sending copies of his letter to the Prime Minister Mr Hawke and the Australian Foreign Minister Mr Bill Hayden, opposing British pressure.

The letter said: "In our view the British Government's only motive for seeking to suppress the book is that information in the book is evidence that the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, made a false statement to the House of Commons in March 1981 concerning the investigation into Sir Roger Hollis." Hollis was the former head of MI5 who Mr Wright believed to be a KGB agent.

The Australian Foreign Ministry was

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Wards may close as nurses strike

Nurses are to go ahead with planned strikes at a number of hospitals today, in spite of the progress made during talks yesterday on the new grading structures between management and unions.

More than 200 nurses at the Maudsley Hospital, south London, who belong to the health workers' union Cohse, have voted to strike indefinitely from September 5. A union spokesman said that a ballot showed 70 per cent supported the strike. Mr Peter Marshall, a Cohse regional officer, emphasized that the unions would now be negotiating with management about providing emergency cover, but he warned that some wards would have to close.

Nurses at the Middlesex Hospital, central London, are taking 12-hour strike action. At Charing Cross and Ealing General Hospitals, both in west London, nurses will walk out between 1pm and 3pm this afternoon.

MP and wife jailed

Mr Peter Robinson, the Ulster MP and deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, and his wife, Iris, were arrested and jailed yesterday for refusing to pay fines imposed for taking part in an illegal march. The couple surrendered to police by prior arrangement at Dundonald station on the eastern outskirts of Belfast yesterday afternoon and are expected to be released tomorrow.

Post set for disruption

Postal services are to be disrupted by industrial action after the breakdown of talks between management and unions over regional rates of pay for new recruits. However, Mr Alan Tuffin, leader of the Union of Communication Workers, ruled out a national strike. He said further talks were "a waste of time". The Post Office had insisted on paying different rates in different areas and broken an agreement over bonuses in London and the South-east.

Bus use decreases

The introduction of unfettered competition nearly two years ago in the bus industry has had only a limited effect on local services in most areas, a study by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory shows. About 40 per cent of professional transport officers interviewed said their services had improved, while about 20 per cent thought they had deteriorated. Either way, the changes were marginal. The number of passengers has also decreased, areport to be published next week by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities says. It estimates a 7.5-12.5 per cent fall-off.

Footballer fined £650

Ken Sansom, the England and Arsenal footballer, was fined £650 at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday for refusing a breath test but escaped a driving ban because of his "exemplary footballing career". He was arrested in May after leaving an hotel where he had been celebrating with his club team mates. The court was told Sansom, of Park Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, earned more than £70,000 a year, to which Mr Eric Crowther, the magistrate, said: "That is more than the Lord Chief Justice gets".

Conflict in the NUM

Mr George Bolton, president of the National Union of Mineworkers in Scotland, has criticized his union's leadership over flexible working. The day after British Coal made an agreement with the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers for six-day working at Asfordby, in Leicestershire, Mr Bolton said: "I think it is quite tragic that the NUM has sat back, avoided difficult decisions, played this popular line (of oppostion) and the membership is suffering as a consequence."

Lord Rawlinson supports calls for ending of suspect's right to silence

Soldier's stolen gun used in IRA killing

By Ronald Faux, David Sapsted and Richard Ford

A pistol torn from Corporal Derek Wood, one of the two Royal Corps of Signals soldiers attacked by a republican funeral mob and later killed by the IRA, was used in a murder this month.

Ballistics experts investigating the death of Lance Corporal Roy Butler — a volunteer with the Ulster Defence Regiment killed by two gunmen in central Belfast on August 2 — yesterday identified one of the bullets as coming from Corporal Wood's 9mm revolver.

The other weapon used was believed to be the pistol owned by the unionist extremist who killed three people when he launched a gun and grenade attack on the funeral of three IRA bombers killed in Gibraltar.

Police in Northern Ireland refused to make any comment on the alleged links between the three atrocities because of pending legal actions, but an Army officer said: "If this is true, then it is a sickening act by some very sick minds".

There has been no suggestion from the security forces that the IRA may be running short of handguns. The only motive for the use of those particular weapons is thought to be revenge against what Republican terrorists consider the "occupying forces".

Meanwhile, demands to remove a suspect's right to silence in an attempt to convict more terrorists in Northern Ireland were supported yesterday by a former Attorney General.

Lord Rawlinson said the State had the right to make special provisions in the face of a secret organization engaged in murder.

He said the right to silence was a barrier to justice and that changes should be made. "It is no use having a system of trial which was appropriate for certain circumstances but which isn't appropriate when you have a gang of terrorists using all the protection of the law in order to further their murder and assasination.

"I think a person who does not answer where they were and what they were doing and why they were doing what they were doing, I think that should be able to be given in evidence."

The Labour Party warned the Government of the dangers of being provoked by the latest upsurge in Provisional IRA violence into measures including changes in the judicial procedures which would give the terrorists a propaganda coup.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said the Provisional IRA's purpose would be "totally achieved" if it provoked the Government into imposing further judicial procedures and criminal laws which did not apply in the rest of the United Kingdon.

"Internment would be a victory for the IRA. So would the abolition of the right to silence in Northern Ireland courts."

● IRA terrorists cannot be defeated in Northern Ireland without closing their easy escape route across the border into the Republic, Dr David Owen said yesterday.

The Social Democratic Party leader maintained his conviction that it is possible to seal off the 300-mile border without building a wall or setting up a no man's land along the frontier.



Forensic science officers examining an armoured police car blown off the Moneysharvin Road yesterday near Magherafelt, Co Londonderry, by an IRA bomb. Two Royal Ulster Constabulary officers escaped the blast with cuts and bruises.

Hostage mother tells of ordeal at baby party

A Belfast mother yesterday told how she was held hostage by two IRA terrorists who burst into her home during her son's first birthday party.

Mrs Breigeen McGurk said her children became hysterical with fear when the hooded gunmen arrived at the door of the house in Bantry Street, west Belfast and demanded the keys to the family car.

One guarded the family while the car was driven away and transformed into a mobile bomb which later caused more than £3 million damage to the city centre.

"Sean was too young to understand but the other two were terrified. Patrick, who is six, thought they were robbers. I played games with them and tried to calm them down. They could see and hear them in the next room through the glass door. Everyone was very frightened", she said.

A large area of Belfast city centre was blocked off yesterday as repair work went ahead to hundreds of broken windows caused by the blast from the 300lb bomb left outside Windsor House, one of the city's main office blocks.

Thousands of workers were asked to stay away until buildings were made safe.

● Four hundred shopfloor workers at BRD Engineering in Aldridge, West Midlands, downed tools for two minutes at 11am yesterday.

They were joined by colleagues from nearby shops and offices, and stood in silence at the works entrance while the Union Flag was lowered to half mast.



Mrs Breigeen McGurk yesterday with her son Sean

Tories in fourth-term drive

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The revamp of the Conservative Party's organization was announced yesterday as a prelude to selling the party in the next election.

A new department of communications will be set up devoted to getting across the desired "image" at rallies and on television.

Its director will take over responsibility for press and broadcasting contacts, including the party political broadcasts and opinion polls. That will give him or her the advantage of an overall view of how the party's message is getting across to voters.

The changes result from the review ordered by Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, after the 1987 election, when the party headquarters became infected by in-fighting.

The key to the reorganization will be three directors covering communications, research and party campaigning. They will have an eye to helping the Conservatives to win a fourth term in office.

The new team, together with the razzmatazz observed by Mr Harvey Thomas, director of presentation and promotion, at the Republican convention in New Orleans last week, will be devoted to presenting a combination of a clearly defined message, together with some glamour in future election campaigns.

Aircraft study to be unveiled

By Harvey Elliott

Britain is falling behind in the race to design a successor to Concorde, with Japan, the United States and France all having now produced detailed studies for an aircraft capable of flying at up to five times the speed of sound.

While British designers have concentrated on the Hotol space "plane" intended for use as a satellite launch vehicle, their competitors have focused on the area of supersonic passenger planes.

FLIGHTCHECK



Aerospatiale, the French aircraft manufacturer, will unveil two new projects at the Farnborough air show in Hampshire next month.

One of the designs is specifically aimed at producing a successor to Concorde. The aircraft would fly at about the same speed but carry 200 passengers, double the capacity of the present model, over much greater distances. The French will also unveil designs for a hypersonic aircraft to be in production by 2015.

Bristol: Paramount flight to Ibiza scheduled 7.20am, delatyed 3.55pm. Return flight scheduled 8.55pm, expected 5.30am.
Manchester: British Airways from Los Angeles scheduled 1.15pm, expected 7.45pm. Dan Air from Corfu scheduled 4.40pm, expected 6.10pm.



'No mercy' warning by judge on Notting Hill carnival crime

By Edward Gorman

The courts will show no mercy to people convicted of public order offences and violence against the police at the Notting Hill Carnival this weekend, a judge said yesterday.

The warning comes amid growing public safety fears and concern among the local community and organizers that attempts by the police to close the event in the early evening could cause riots.

The police have made clear they are unhappy with arrangements for stewarding the carnival. They have warned the public that gangs of "steamers" in the densely-packed streets *could cause havoc.*

Judge Graham Jones, in jailing a man for 33 months for pulling a knife on police officers during riots at the end of last year's carnival, said: "Serious public disorders, and in particular violence towards the police, can not and will not be tolerated. There must be a sentence which will be seen as a deterrent."

Knightsbridge Crown Court, west London, was told that Mark Lewis, aged 31, of Maida Vale, was at the head of a mob of about 60 rioters as officers moved in to close the event on the second day.

The court was told that Lewis, who has 18 previous convictions including offences of violence and possession of weapons, had jeered at police officers, calling them "pigs". He had then shouted: "I hope you get what you . . . deserve tonight". A police squad had attempted to arrest him after he threw a crate of Coca-Cola at officers.

It was then that he had pulled a 10-inch knife and threatened the officers, the court was told.

Police Constable Barry McBride said: "I suddenly saw Lewis with a long, dagger-type knife in his hand.

"He then became very violent again and it took us a while to calm him down when we put him in the back of the van."

Lewis, unemployed, was sentenced to 21 months for affray and 18 months concurrently for possession of a knife. He received an additional 12-month sentence, to be served consecutively, for breach of a previous suspended sentence and for possession of the knife.

Concern about the carnival and fears for public safety come after more than 1,000 serious crimes last year.

They including the first murder in the event's 22-year history and the death of a man after ambulance crews failed to reach him in time through crowded streets.

The police have made clear that a breakdown in relations with the Carnival Arts Committee (CAC) means a public safety plan agreed last March, aimed at preventing a repetition of last year's violence, has not been fully implemented.

One consequence is that more than 500 stewards, who the police believe are vital for the safety of an expected 1.5 million carnival goers, have still not been trained.

Meanwhile, a leading figure in Notting Hill's Caribbean community said last night that bail conditions which prevented him from being present on the streets during the carnival increased the chances of tension leading to violence.

Mr Frank Crichlow, who runs the Mangrove Community Association, All Saint's Road, Notting Hill, was arrested last May and charged with intent to supply marijuana and heroin.

Mr Crichlow said the conditions of his bail, which *prevent him from going within* 500 yards of the Mangrove premises, stopped him from playing his traditional role as "peace-maker" between the local community and the police.

Mr Crichlow, whose supporters include the Dean of North Kensington, Mr Michael Hollings, failed in a court attempt to have his bail conditions altered.

He said violence on the All Saint's Road was almost inevitable.

The Mangrove Steel Band, traditionally the biggest and often the best band at the carnival, announced last night that it would not take part in this year's carnival in a gesture of solidarity with Mr Crichlow.

Mr Jebb Johnson, of the band, said the decision to boycott the carnival reflected dissatisfaction with the route agreed by the CAC and police.

Elvis Presley suits fetch £40,000

By David Nicholson-Lord

Two stage costumes once worn by Elvis Presley were sold at auction in London yesterday for £40,000.

His favourite suit, nicknamed "Shooting Star" and worn on stage during a concert in New York's Madison Square Gardens in 1972, was sold for £26,000 to Mr Warwick Stone, representing the Hard Rock Cafe of Los Angeles.

Another spectacular blue one-piece stage suit, nicknamed "Good Luck" by Presley and worn during a 1972 tour of Hawaii, went to ex-country singer Jimmy Velvet for £14,000.

Mr Velvet now runs an Elvis Presley Museum in Nashville, Tennessee, and visited London auction rooms, Phillips, specially for the sale.

He said afterwards: "This makes six jump suits which were once worn by Elvis which I now own and exhibit in my museums. I'm very happy with my day's purchases."

But he missed one item from Elvis's wardrobe — a black cotton shirt worn in a movie in 1971 and sold to Mrs Roswitha Peddler, Frankfurt-born wife of a shipping company managing director.

"I have a lot of Elvis memorabilia because I am a real fan of his. I also own a gold watch which he inscribed and then gave to his doctor.

"I also have a cigar-cutter of his, although mine is only a private collection," she said.

Elvis won the battle of the superstar wardrobes against young pretender Michael Jackson, whose stage costumes made less than expected.

All the Elvis items were designed by his close friend, Bill Belew, and each came with an accompanying letter from him verifying their authenticity.



Mr Warwick Stone with the Presley suit he bought at £26,000 (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

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Decision for oilman

The sole winner of the Portfolio prize is Mr John Nicklen, a retired oil company worker, who plans to spend the money on paying off some bills and one or two surprises.

Mr Nicklen, aged 73, of Turners Mill Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex, who worked in the Far East, said he had been playing the competition since it started and had not yet decided what to buy with the rest of the £4,000 windfall.

Man held

Brian Scarborough, aged 43, of Leeds, was remanded in custody at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of sending false letter bombs to the Prime Minister at Downing Street on three occasions.

Alert for baby

Police wish to contact Mr John Smith and his wife Nola, of Dorden, Warwickshire, believed to be touring north Wales in a white Rover Freight mini-caravan with their four children. They are unaware that their son Ben, aged four weeks, needs urgent medical treatment.

Cannabis haul

Two men were being questioned by police last night after 80 kg of cannabis valued at £640,000 was found in a suburban garage at Didsbury, Greater Manchester, after a seven-month investigation.

Body snatched

The body of a man aged 61 was stolen from the mortuary at Barnsley District Hospital in South Yorkshire early yesterday. The hospital said there was nothing unusual about the man, or the illness from which he died, to explain the theft.

Wildlife jobs

The Avon Wildlife Trust and the Bristol Training Centre will provide 230 places for long-term jobless under the Government's employment programme with courses for administrative and clerical workers in bank, conservation and horticultural jobs.

Architect dies

Mr Bernard Ashwell, architect to the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral for 25 years, was found shot dead at his home in the grounds of Tewkesbury Abbey yesterday. He was aged 79. Foul play is not suspected.

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Cellular telephones

Vodafone admits connection failures

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

One of the two companies operating the British cellphone network has admitted that it is failing to meet its own targets for trouble-free calls, with at least one in eight failing to connect.

Racal Vodafone, which, in competition with British Telecom operates the cellular network, has found it is failing to connect 12 per cent of calls nationally, with the problem being significantly worse in some cities.

The company's design target for the network is for just one in 50 calls failing.

Users of Britain's cellular telephone network are becoming increasingly dissatisfied and the latest disclosure of failure rates comes the day before the Telecommunications Users' Association, the action group representing corporate users of telecommunication equipment, begins a national survey of customer satisfaction with the network prompted by the growing number of complaints from the association's 750 members, which include multinational companies.

There are currently about 400,000 users of cellphones in the UK and the number of new users has almost doubled every year since the system started.

The level of demand is putting great pressure on the operators, who are racing to build more "cells" into the network. Vodafone, which has so far spent £150 million on extra infrastructure, is planning to spend another £70 million this year alone.

Mrs Vivienne Peters, chief executive of the TUA, said yesterday that she considered a 12 per cent congestion figure on the network "unacceptable". She said many of the complaints reaching the TUA concern other aspects of the cellular system, in particular the cost and billing of calls made.

The association was "most concerned" about the policy of charging for calls even when congestion prevents them being connected, and for the level of mark-up being set by equipment makers which sell air-time on the network.

If the survey confirms the level of complaints, it is considering approaching both the Advertising Standards Authority and Oftel, the Government's telecommunications watchdog.

Racal Vodafone admitted yesterday that its service availability is not as good as it would like, although it insists that its network has the capacity to cope with more than three times its current number of subscribers. Mr Ian Volans, of Vodafone, said some customers were making unrealistic demands on the system. "What you've got to realise is that the cellular network is a completely different beast from the ordinary hardwired system."

Concern about the image of the cellphone service has prompted six of Britain's largest suppliers, covering half the country's mobile phone users, to form an industry federation. *It willhire an independent* investigator to look into complaints.

● British Telecom's new-style telephone kiosks are much more popular than the classic red ones, a company survey said.

More than two thirds of those questioned thought the new kiosks look better than the red boxes, 87 per cent said they were cleaner, and 71 per cent thought them less likely to be vandalized.

By the end of next year Telecom will have brought in 50,000 of the new kiosks.

World Congress of Philosophy

The loaded question of dice

By Alan Hamilton

Drawing on the examples of tossed coins and thrown dice, Sir Karl Popper, one of the most distinguished philosophers living in Britain, told the World Congress of Philosophy at Brighton yesterday that the world was no longer operated by clockwork, or even by electricity.

Sir Karl, a spry 86-year-old *born in Vienna and for many* years a pillar of the London School of Economics, chose the opportunity of a special guest address to 500 delegates to expand his long-held view that the past does not determine the future, and that the world is full of endless possibilities.

Known especially as a philosopher of science, Sir Karl has long rejected the view that the future is governed by the past, expressed by Descartes in terms of a clockwork world, and by Marx in terms of dialectical materialism.

"The world is no longer a causal machine", Sir Karl said. "It can now be seen to be an unfolding process, realizing possibilities and unfolding new possibilities." It was not, he argued, the kicks from the back that impelled man, but the lure of the future.

But although the future is full of possibilities, not all are *equally likely*: the dice are loaded.Sir Karl advanced his theory of propensity, that there exist weighted possibilities that are more than mere possibilities, but propensities to become real. "The propensity to survive for another year, or for 20 years, is not a property of man, but it is inherent in his situation."

As a scientific philosopher, Sir Karl has raised science almost to the level of art. "Next to music and art, science is the greatest, most beautiful and most enlightening achievement of the human spirit. I abhor the noisy intellectual fashion that tries to denigrate science", he said.

"I admire beyond anything the marvellous results achieved by the work of biologists and biochemists, and made available through medicine to sufferers all over our beautiful earth."

Among his audience was the 73-strong Russian delegation, listening to a man who has traditionally been an opponent of Marxism. Under *glasnost*, however, the view of Marx in the Soviet Union is reportedly moving away from the scientific economist to the humanitarian philosopher.

They scored an important triumph in Brighton yesterday, winning their bid to stage the next World Congress in Moscow in 1993 against a counter bid from Kenya.

But then, as Sir Karl believes, the future is full of infinite possibilities.

Broadmoor death after argument

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Police confirmed yesterday that a patient at Broadmoor special hospital died after a dispute with another inmate.

The death, on Tuesday night, came after the hospital's nurses called off a night-time overtime ban in their campaign for more staff and better conditions. Four staff had been attacked earlier.

The patient was named later as Joseph Watts, aged 30. Thames Valley Police said: "It is known that shortly before his death he had been involved in an altercation with another patient which was brought under control by the successful intervention of staff".

Police believe Mr Watts's death was not due to violence.

A source at the Berkshire hospital said he was restrained by staff and, after a doctor was called, was placed under sedation. He was checked during the evening but at about 9pm a nurse discovered that he had died.

Chess success

A champion playing for fun

By Ruth Gledhill

Jon Speelman the "mysterious underdog" who has become the first Briton to win a place in the world chess championship semi-finals, could in theory become Britain's first chess millionaire.

Going on to play or even beat Kasparov would net him a small fortune — *if he wanted* it. But Speelman, aged 31, is not attracted by the money or fame associated with today's game.

Relaxing after his tense match with Nigel Short, aged 23, which he won on Tuesday night after drawing the fifth game, he insisted that chess for him is an intellectual as opposed to a monetary pursuit.

He is determined not to own a car or a television, wears a watch he won in a tournament in 1973 and has no plans to leave his small flat in West Hampstead. His proudest possessions are 600 chess books.

Speelman has lost count of the number of games he has played with Short, a close friend who is ranked third in the world and lives 10 minutes' walk away.

"Nigel actually beat me in the first game we ever played, when he was 14. Then I won quite a lot of games. He beat me again in a tournament he won in the Soviet Union.

"Since then he's had a psychological advantage. He used to beat me with white and draw with black. I really cannot remember the last time I beat him."

Speelman has already won the British championship three times, once more than Short.

Although he was good for his age in his youth and became British under-14 champion in 1969, he did not play an international master until his mid teens and never seriously considered chess, or anything else, as a professional career.

He did not play much at Worcester College, Oxford, which he left with a good second in mathematics and says it was "partly drift and partly intent" which set him playing seriously.

In 1978, he finally become an International Master and quickly moved on to become a Grand Master in 1980, learned Russian at the Polytechnic of Central London and wrote five chess books.

His hobbies include poetry, crossword puzzles, teaching youngsters on British Chess Federation training schemes and playing chess "for fun".

"I prefer to be an underdog. I shall continue to think of myself as such for as long as I can."

Generously, he says of Short: "He did not get a chance to show how he could play. I was lucky. In the second game, he saw more than I did but he was constrained by his own vision."

Here are the moves for the fifth game against Short on Tuesday, with Speelman playing *white*:

White	Black	20 Nb3	Rxd1+
1 Nf3	Nf6	21 Rxd1	Bd6
2 c4	e6	22 Be5	Qe6
3 g3	d5	23 e3	Rc8
4 Bg2	dxc4	24 Bf1	Ne7
5 Qc2	a6	25 Rc1	Qg4
6 Ne5	Nd5	26 Bg2	h5
7 Nxc4	b5	27 Na5	Ba8
8 Ne3	Nxe3	28 Qc4	Bxc5
9 dxe3	Be7	29 Qxc5	Ng6
10 a4	Bb7	30 h3	Qe2
11 e4	Ra8	31 Qxb4	Rd8
12 0-0	Be7	32 Bf1	Qf3
13 Rd1	Qc8	33 Bg2	Qf6
14 Bf4	Nc6	34 Nc4	Bc6
15 Na3	e5	35 Qa5	Be8
16 Be3	b4	36 Qxc7	Bxa4
17 Nc4	0-0	37 Qb6	Bb5
18 Rac1	Re8		
19 Nd2	Rd8	Draw agreed	

Pregnant women warned off cereals

An expectant mother's morning bowl of high-fibre cereal may stop essential minerals reaching her unborn child, a nutritionist said yesterday.

It could result in a deficiency of zinc which is required for the growth of the foetus, Dr Sue Southon, a mineral nutrition specialist at the Institute of Food Research in Norwich said.

"Small babies need zinc for their development and without it there could be disorders in foetal development, particularly if the baby is born to a mother who is a vegetarian or who is following a very high-fibre cereal diet. They should eat more fresh fruit and fresh vegetables", she said.

Dr Southon is doing research on zinc absorption by the body and on the effects of poor zinc diets. She was commenting on a paper by Professor H E Mueller, controller of nutritional quality for Nestec, the research arm of Nestlé, to delegates at Bioavailability '88, an international nutrition conference at the University of East Anglia.

Professor Mueller said an increase in certain types of fibre might lead to a restriction in the body's uptake of essential minerals like zinc and iron.

Dr Southon said iron deficiency anaemia, the most common dietary deficiency in the world, could be reduced by fresh fruit juice, which contains vitamin C. The vitamin improves iron absorption.

The conference, the first of its kind to explore the application of physics and chemistry to nutritional problems, also urged more research into starch and its potential benefits. The humble potato is now seen as an important source of vitimin C and dietary fibre. Contrary to common belief, it produces only 6 per cent of energy in the average diet.

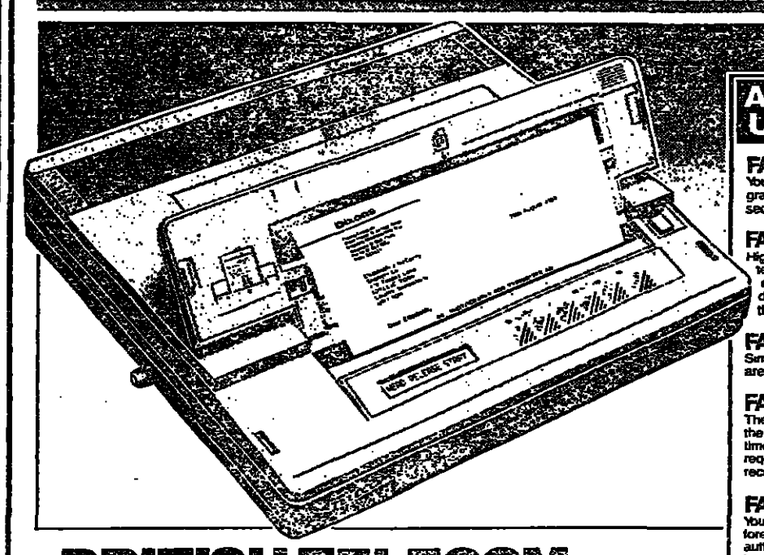
Professor David Southgate, head of nutrition and food quality at the Institute of Food Research, said afterwards: "We want a new appreciation of starchy foods and dietary fibre because we realize now that starchy foods may have benefits we didn't know about before".

One of the highlights of the three-day conference was a traditional English dinner.

Three hundred delegates from 44 countries enjoyed vegetable soup, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots and cauliflower, followed by apple pie and cream. The meal was described as "perfectly nutritious".

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Check on feeding is ordered in battle against seal virus

By Andrew Morgan

The Government yesterday announced an initiative to establish how common seals, dying in large numbers along the Norfolk coast, pick up pollutants suspected of reducing immunity to lethal viruses.

The viruses killing the seals, from the herpes and picorna groups, are the same as those which have killed up to 7,000 common seals off Denmark, West Germany and The Netherlands, where scientists are trying to develop a vaccine.

The Department of the Environment is offering more money to the Natural Environment Research Council's Sea Mammal Unit, based in Cambridge, to mark a group of common seals and monitor their feeding movements with radio transmitters attached to their backs. It will report in six months.

Little can be done for adult seals affected by the viruses, but pups and yearlings stand a better chance of survival.

However, scientists said last night that it would be logistically impossible to inoculate North Sea stocks even if a vaccinewere developed. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under-Secretary of State at the Department for the Environment, said that scientific evidence suggested that natural viruses caused the disease.

Common seals are at most risk, accumulating toxic compounds such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxin, dumped after industrial processes, in their blubber through eating a range of fish and crustaceans.

Biphenyls are slow to degrade and accumulate, even though the annual amounts dumped may not be rising.

Toxic compounds in the blubber are released during stressful periods, such as the breeding season or the moult, now coming to an end. They reduce a seal's resistance to disease and they have been found in dead seals from the Wadden and Baltic Seas.

After last November's meeting of North Sea ministers in London, it was agreed to end dumping harmful industial waste by next year, incineration by 1994 and a 50 per cent reduction in river-borne substances by 1995.

While the common seal, of which there are 25,000 in UK waters, is most affected, the grey and red seals face a greater potential threat.

The UK has 95,000 grey seals, half the world's population, and dolphins and porpoises are also exposed.

The Mediterranean Sea's monk seal, of which there are only between 500 and 1,000, faces the greatest threat if the virus is found to affect all species.

Dr John Harwood, of the Cambridge unit, said: "Seals are at the top of the food chain and are vulnerable to contaminants through eating fish. They are closest to man physiologically and they give an early warning of pollutants which might affect us."

Between May and early August, there were 130 reported deaths off the Norfolk coast, which is normal, but 80 had died there this month alone, more than 10 times the normal rate.

The Wash seals were infected, he said, but it may still spread to the common seals in the Tay and Moray firths and then on to the Orkney and Shetlands, taking two months in all.

Happy 641st for the Priddy Fair



Farmers preparing their stocks of ewes, lambs and rams yesterday for the 641st Great Annual Sale at the Priddy Fair, near Wells, in Somerset, one of the oldest in England. More than 4,000 sheep were sold at prices 10 per cent up on last year. The fair dates from the Black Death, when farmers refused to take their sheep to Wells for sale (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Sex video wife says she loved employer

A wife yesterday denied blackmailing her wealthy employer with a video film of sex acts. "I loved him", she wept.

The wife, aged 31, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court of her shock at discovering she and the businessman had been secretly filmed.

She went on to insist that her relationship was not a sham to enable her and her husband, aged 42, to blackmail the company director for £83,500.

She described how her husband's turning to drugs and staying out late had driven her into the arms of the wealthy company director.

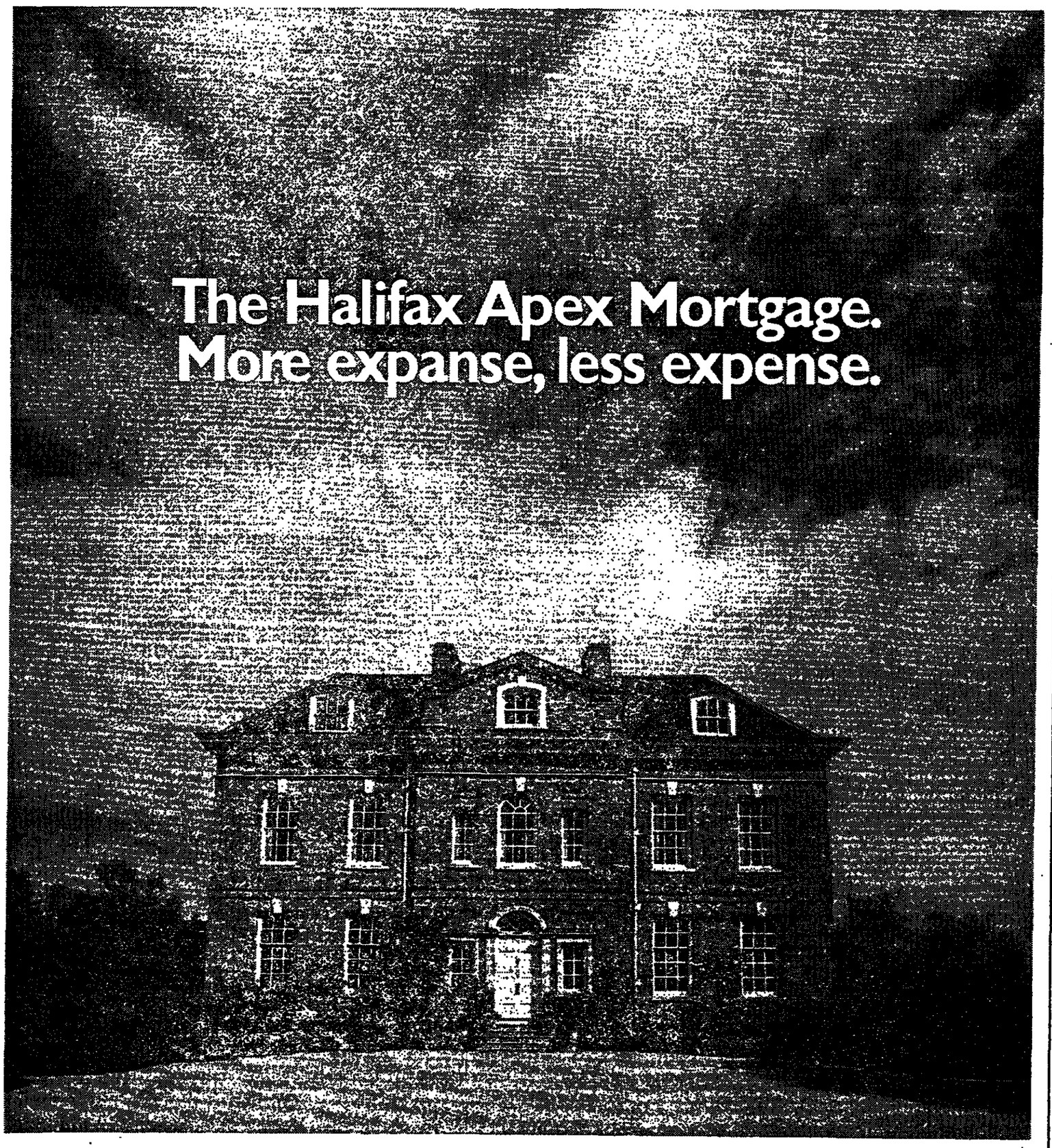
In November 1986, after finding a note with the video, she realized her husband had flown her children to Egypt to ensure she never saw them again.

"The only person I could turn to for help was my boss. I could not tell anyone else about the affair."

The following day he handed her £3,500 in an envelope and she smashed up the tape and threw it into a bin in Holloway Road, north London. "He told me never to contact him again", she said.

The couple, from west London, deny blackmailing the Greek businessman for £83,500.

The trial continues today.



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Police reject 'free' borders in Europe

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Police officials in Europe fear crime could rise with the abolition of internal frontiers by 1992. They came out against free borders in Europe after a divided meeting in London yesterday.

The decision, arising from concern about poor safeguards against the movement of international criminals, was reached by a one-vote majority at the annual conference of the executive committee of the European Police Union.

The misgivings lend added force to the British Government's view that the Single European Act does not require the abolition of all controls at internal frontiers between member states of the Community by the end of 1992.

The Government believes that though there will be easier movement between the respective countries, that does not mean controls should be relaxed over the movement of citizens of non-member countries, or that all forms of control at the internal frontiers have to be abandoned.

The message from the union is that unless there are urgent efforts to consult police throughout Europe and reach agreement on tackling crime, law enforcement could suffer after 1992.

The meeting of the executive of the union, which represents almost 500,000 officers in 17 member countries, reflected huge gaps in official thinking about the best way of curbing crime in Europe.

Mr Peter Tanner, secretary of the Police Federation of England and Wales, who is the European Union's president, said: "As professional police officers we fear there will be considerable police problems in 1992.

"We believe that it is important now to have international co-operation for the control of matters such as drugs and terrorism and the movement of criminals across borders".

An outstanding issue disclosed by the meeting was how free police from one country should be to engage in pursuit of criminals to another. Mr Tanner said that criminals might be able to move more freely than the police.

The extreme solution would be to have a European police force, an idea supported within the union by France, though the Nordic countries and the United Kingdom are against it.

The French at the meeting believed that eventually there would be one force in Europe.

New code on lorries to prevent ferry accidents

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Tough new regulations to reduce the risk of the movement of heavy goods vehicles on the decks of cross-Channel ferries contributing to a capsize, have been put forward by the Department of Transport.

This follows the report of Mr Justice Sheen on the Zeebrugge disaster, and also work done by the shipping community within the International Maritime Organization.

The capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise was caused by the fact that she sailed with her bow doors open, and there was no suggestion that movements of lorries on the vehicle decks caused the disaster. Nevertheless, in his report Mr Justice Sheen said: "Freight vehicles should always be secured. If they are unsecured even a tight turn may shift them, with a dramatic effect on stability."

Now the department has issued a draft code of practice specifying procedures regarding the lashing down of vehicles and the stowage of cargo. As with some other regulations, introduced since the Herald of Free Enterprise capsize 18 months ago, it is proposed that failure to comply with the code of practice could lead to a prison sentence of up to two years, or a fine, for the ship owner, the Master or the shipper.

The Department of Transport said the proposals were a codification of existing best practice. If adopted they would lead to vehicles being lashed or chained down more often than at present.

Fear of aggression is plague of modern life

By Kerry Gill

Society is no more violent today than in the past but people have become more worried about aggressive behaviour, according to the director of Strathclyde University's addiction research group.

Fear of aggression while at work is on the increase and is causing stress among a wide variety of occupations ranging from prison officers to shop assistants, Dr John Davies says.

"Managing Aggression in the Workplace" is the theme of a two-day course to be held in Glasgow next month, designed to teach people how to deal with aggressive behaviour.

Dr Davies, of Strathclyde University's psychology department and the addiction research group's director, said: "There is little evidence of a massive increase in violence generally, but people are far more bothered about it than they used to be.

"They are becoming more aware of what risks they might run and more worried, and feel more threatened."

Dr Davies, who has attended the Home Office course on hostage negotiation, said there was a need for people in a wide range of jobs to learn how to control potential aggression.

Teachers, prison officers, nurses, social workers and bar staff will be among those attending the course, during which they will also be taught simple self-defence skills.

The course will simulate scenes ranging from aggressive behaviour in a shop to a hostage incident.

Courts censured for refusing bail too often in trivial cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Defendants accused of trivial offences, those who cannot speak English and the mentally ill are being remanded in custody quite inappropriately, a Home Office report says.

A research project published today says people from all three groups are too frequently denied bail by the courts.

The project, which successfully obtained bail for a number of defendants remanded in custody, says the condition of some police cells to which women are remanded also gives cause for concern.

At one London magistrates' court there was no hot water and the shower consisted of a temporary arrangement using a hosepipe in the men's toilet.

The study further found that courts did not always record the reason for refusing bail, nor did they always notify defendants of that reason in writing, as they are meant to.

The project, which ran for four weeks in February at Wormwood Scrubs prison in west London, was set up at short notice by the Home Office and the Inner London Probation Service. Researchers interviewed remand prisoners and drew up "bail packages" for them – finding accommodation and arranging reporting conditions – which defence counsel presented to courts at the prisoners' next hearing.

The aim was to see how many remand prisoners bail could be obtained for.

Of 323 male defendants interviewed by the project team, more than five times as many were granted bail as remand prisoners in a control group.

However, the project report points out that of the 54 men granted bail in the experimental group, a number of cases had nothing to do with the intervention of the team.

It also found that almost 10 per cent of prisoners interviewed did not want bail, usually because the prisoner thought a guilty verdit likely and felt it better to serve part of the expected sentence on remand.

A stumbling block for the team was finding out why bail was refused initially.

Courts always give an oral explanation but are also required to record it and give a copy of the notice to the defendant. That was not done in every case, the project found, although one reason might be that the written notice was given to the defendant's solicitor instead.

As prisoners could not always give an accurate account of why bail was refused, the team was left "fumbling around in the dark trying to discover these reasons".

The report concludes that some prisoners granted bail after the team's intervention would undoubtedly have been denied it otherwise, and remained in custody.

It suggests the possibility of much greater involvement by the probation service, with officers taking a more active role in bail applications and probation day centres being used for reporting conditions.

In future, probation service bail teams could work both at court before the bail decision is made, and with prisoners on remand.

Bail and Probation Work: the ILPS temporary bail action project. Research and Planning Unit Paper 46 (Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1).

Transatlantic touch for Academy works



Royal Academy conservators Miss Andrea Gall (left), Miss Jenny Williamson (centre) and Miss Mandy Paulley touching up the canvases and frames of some of the 20th century paintings soon to leave Britain for a year's tour of the United States. The exhibition of 67 works, entitled "The Edwardians and After: The Royal Academy 1900-1950", will open at the IBM Gallery of Science and Art in New York on September 27 (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Renewed drive on training schemes

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The Government is planning a campaign in the run-up to the TUC Congress to counter the impression that it is planning to introduce compulsory training.

It will be aimed at bolstering moderate trade unions who are in favour of co-operating with the Government's new Employment Training scheme for 600,000 long-term unemployed, which starts on September 5.

Although the TUC general council narrowly gave the scheme its support, any threat of making it compulsory would almost certainly give the left victory in its attempt to persuade the conference to withdraw its co-operation.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, is now planning to "vigorously counter the impression" that the scheme's voluntary basis will be changed.

A Ministry spokesman said: "Compulsion is not an element that the Government wants to introduce into the training scheme."

The Government announcement came as Mr Brian Wolfson, the new chairman of the Training Commission, yesterday ruled out compulsory training.

Mr Wolfson, who takes up his new post on September 1, said a version of the American workfare system, where the unemployed have their benefits withdrawn if they refuse training, was not even under discussion.

Mr Wolfson said: "There are no plans on the horizon to do anything compulsory. It would be very sad if it were ever needed."

Neither Mr Fowler nor Mr Wolfson are prepared to use the word "never" in their denials over compulsory training.

Trade union leaders will receive a letter from Mr Wolfson giving them an "unequivocal assurance" that workfare will not be introduced.

'All-in' house sales to rise as rules change

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

More all-in price "packages" for house sellers, which combine conveyancing and estate agency fees, are likely to be offered from next week when solicitors are free to link up with estate agencies to find clients.

The lifting of existing bans on such links starts on September 1 with a new code giving solicitors more freedom to compete for work.

They will be able to enter into arrangements with estate agents and building societies for the regular introduction of work, and be party to schemes offering all-in price "packages". Estate agents, for instance, will be able to offer deals to vendors which combine both their fees and those of the solicitor. The estate agent will then pay the solicitor's fee direct.

Solicitors face a number of strict rules under the new code: in particular there must be no kick-back payments from the solicitor to the introducer of work.

Other main points in the code are: clients must be free to choose their own solicitor, solicitors must ensure advice given to clients is not coloured by the desire to avoid offending the introducer, and review arrangements if more than 20 per cent of their business comes from introductions.

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GCSE: 'Compared with the old examinations, gradings are slightly better'

Examiners are 'very impressed' after analysis of results

By David Tytler
Education Editor

A rise in the quality of modern language passes in the new GCSE examination — the results of which will be sent to 700,000 teenagers today — is one of the most significant factors in the provisional statistics compiled by the examiners. More than half the passes are A to C grades, which are roughly equivalent to the old GCE O level grades.

Mr Dennis Hatfield, chairman of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said in London yesterday: "The improved standards in modern languages reflect the changes in the new examination, which lays more emphasis on oral work and less on written".

Mr John Edmundson, secretary to the council, said: "We are still analysing the figures but these provisional statistics are supported by the very experienced examiners and moderators, the vast majority of whom have come from the old GCE and CSE boards and have been very impressed by the standards."

Stressing the difference between the old and new examinations, Mr Hatfield said: "The GCSE is designed to find out what the candidates can do rather than what they cannot do. We have achieved this. As far as it is possible to compare the gradings with the old examinations, they are slightly better.

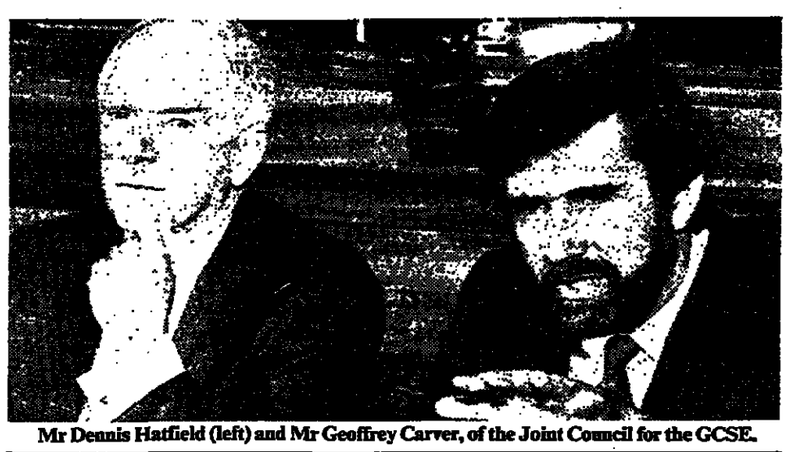
The last average national figures for all GCE O levels show that 6.8 per cent achieved A grades compared with 8.6 per cent in the GCSE. The figure for all GCE passes from A to C was 39.8 per cent compared with 41.8 per cent for GCSE.

Striking results were achieved in Greek and Latin, with 62.6 per cent of the 1,276 candidates studying Greek and 41.8 per cent of the 15,609 Latin students being awarded A grades.

In Greek, 95.6 per cent achieved A, B or C grades; in Latin the figure was 85.2 per cent. Mr Edmundson explained: "It is a highly selective candidature, many from the independent sector. There used to be very little CSE Latin. The results match up with previous O level results in Latin and Greek."

In English and mathematics, the two biggest GCSE subjects, the results were more evenly spread. In maths, 36.8 per cent of the GCSE candidates were awarded A to C grades, compared with 37.6 per cent at GCE. In English, the figures were 43.6 per cent for GCSE and 46.6 per cent at GCE. In French, it was 50 per cent compared with 42.5 per cent.

Mr Edmundson said: "The vast majority of examiners and moderators in GCSE served as such for O level and CSE in previous years. The examining and awarding procedures followed for GCSE are derived from the best of GCE O level and CSE practices. The examiners have been trying to identify the same competence and ability as earlier in the O level and CSE. The GCSE has liberated the candidates by allowing them to demonstrate more competence in these skills. They have more scope."



Mr Dennis Hatfield (left) and Mr Geoffrey Carver, of the Joint Council for the GCSE.

First test for the new GCSE: how the candidates fared

Subject	No of Candidates	Percentage of Candidates Obtaining Grade A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Art & Design	221,438	8.8	12.5	18.9	18.8	17.5	14.5	7.8
Business Studies	22,741	6.2	9.2	22.8	22.9	16.4	10.8	5.1
Latin	15,609	41.8	26.1	17.3	7.4	4.0	1.9	0.9
Greek	1,276	62.6	23.2	9.8	2.5	1.0	0.6	0.16
Classical Civilization	3,066	17.0	21.0	22.4	9.8	7.4	6.9	6.7
Computer Studies	97,028	5.5	11.0	17.6	16.9	16.3	15.6	11.9
CDT	157,021	6.8	11.4	16.9	19.0	18.8	15.4	7.6
Economics	32,449	9.7	15.1	22.2	20.7	16.4	9.3	4.3
English	654,742	6.6	14.2	22.8	23.2	17.9	10.3	4.0
English Literature	394,260	9.4	17.3	24.1	22.3	15.5	8.0	2.6
Home Economics	187,543	4.1	10.0	19.1	21.2	20.0	15.1	7.3
Geography	295,163	7.8	14.0	19.5	19.1	16.4	12.5	7.3
History	242,780	9.8	15.0	19.3	17.4	15.5	11.9	7.6
French	238,132	19.8	14.6	15.6	17.9	14.8	11.6	4.7
German	68,675	20.7	15.3	16.7	17.5	13.6	10.9	4.4
Spanish	17,448	22.9	17.4	16.8	15.9	12.0	9.9	4.5
Mathematics	661,655	6.2	8.9	21.7	16.4	16.3	15.4	7.1
Music	27,577	13.3	21.2	23.2	15.7	11.9	8.2	3.3
Religious Studies	104,009	6.8	12.9	18.8	17.7	16.8	12.6	7.7
Biology	293,949	7.3	12.4	23.1	19.2	14.4	12.2	8.5
Chemistry	214,818	10.6	14.7	23.0	18.7	14.0	10.8	5.2
Physics	245,218	9.1	14.5	21.1	19.7	16.9	12.0	5.8
Science	113,091	4.6	8.1	15.8	21.5	21.6	17.5	9.0
Social Science	10,999	4.1	8.1	15.0	13.9	17.7	19.3	12.2
Sciences	867,076	8.3	13.0	21.5	19.5	16.0	12.5	7.0
Modern Languages	324,255	20.1	14.9	15.9	17.7	14.4	11.4	4.6

Unsuccessful candidates get plea warning

Disappointed GCSE candidates should not make frivolous appeals against their results and clog up the system for genuine cases, examination boards urged yesterday.

They said unsuccessful appleas taken to the limit could cost up to £100 because of the scale of accumulating charges. More than 60,000 GCSE candidates, almost one in 10 of those who sat for the controversial exam, could appeal against their results after they receive them today.

Mr John Edmundson, secretary of the GCSE joint council, said that about 0.8 per cent of O level and CSE exams taken last year were queried by candidates, a big increase on previous years.

If that was carried through to the first GCSE, with 700,000 candidates sitting for 5.3 million separate exams, the five boards in England and Wales could find themselves dealing with about 60,000 appeals.

Mr Edmundson said: "The joint council would not wish to have its appeals procedure clogged up with a range of frivolous queries which would block legitimate appeals".

Exam officials have admitted privately that this is a possibility as the GCSE is new and parents and candidates are sensitive about it. However, only a small number of appeals succeed.

The Midland examining group said that less than one in five appeals were successful last year. They can be made only with the support of schools or colleges.

Pressure from teaching unions and parents led to the joint council halving the cost of final appeals from £100 to £50 last June. However, this does not include a further sliding scale of charges.

The Southern examining group appeals procedure, which follows roughly the same principle and prices as others, charges £33 for a clerical re-check, a re-mark of all examined and assessed work and a detailed report.

If parents or candidates are still dissatisfied, they may make a final appeal to the joint council at an additional cost of £50, leaving unsuccessful appellants with bills of up to £100. Charges are returnable if appeals are upheld or if the boards feel the appeal was not a waste of time.



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Degree courses

Times guide aids clearing students

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

Polytechnic and university switchboards have been jammed by sixth formers hoping to pick up spare places through the clearing process run by the University Central Council on Admissions and the Polytechnic Central Admission System.

Students unable to go to their first choice institution because of lower than expected grades at A level may be allocated spare places.

For the first time the places were published in *The Times* yesterday morning, in association with *The Times Network Systems* and Midland Bank, and will continue to be published for the next six weeks.

One parent from mid-Wales took a train to London on Tuesday night to buy a first edition of the paper, printed at about 10pm, in an attempt to put her daughter ahead of the field.

Mr Tony Higgins, director of the polytechnic service, said: "There has been a really heavy avalanche of calls to institutions advertising vacancies".

He said he suspected that pressure had eased on other information sources this year because places were published in *The Times*.

"We have had over 1,500 calls to PCAS, mostly general enquiries. In addition the information line has received about 2,000 and the polytechnics too many to calculate. The media in general has offered excellent advice to students, and this is reflected in the maturity of questions being asked", he said.

Mr Philip Oakley, head of the university council, said institutions wanted to be flexible about admissions to faculties and so were not publishing vacancies under specific subject headings.

"Students should keep a close eye on the points required for courses — 5 for an A, 1 for an E — they may go down", he said yesterday.

Bishop retires as education leader

By Our Education Editor

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, who led the campaign to insist that daily Christian assemblies and the extension of the teaching of Christianity in state schools were written into the Education Reform Act, is to retire as the chairman of the Church of England's board of education.

Dr Leonard, aged 67, has been Bishop of London since 1981 and chairman of the education board for five years. He said yesterday that he would resign at the end of October to allow his successor to be appointed in good time for the election of the new Church of England synod in 1990.

The Bishop, who also sits in the House of Lords, led church negotiations with Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, on the Bill before it received the Royal Assent last month.

It is unlikely, however, that he will fade from the headlines. He is one of the main campaigners against the ordination of women priests, an issue that is deeply dividing the Church of England.

University's TV debut

The University of Liverpool has recruited leading members of Merseyside's media in an attempt to attract more students to its department of continuing education.

Mr Willy Russell, author of *Educating Rita*, the play about a young Liverpudlian woman's experiences of tertiary education, will present a television commercial for the department on Channel Four on Monday.

According to the head of the department, Dr Geoff Woodcock, this is probably the first time a university has used television to advertise its services.

In addition to Mr Russell, Liverpool has been able to use the services of the Mersey Television Company which filmed much of the 30-second commercial on the set of the television series, *Brookside*.

The idea of the advertisement is to increase the number of unqualified students attending extra-mural classes.

Marconi death blamed on pressure of work

A former Army brigadier with access to secret files on Ministry of Defence contract work on a revolutionary new gun for the Armed Forces has become the sixth employee of the Marconi group of companies to die or disappear in unusual circumstances in the past two years.

Security services looking for links between the series of seemingly unconnected suicides and sudden deaths among nine defence workers, including senior scientists, were informed.

The death of Mr John Ferry, aged 60, an assistant marketing director with special responsibility for liaison with the Armed Forces at the Marconi Command and Control Systems at Frimley, Surrey, is not being linked with the others by police.

His widow Ann, aged 57, of Steeple Ashton, near Trowbridge, Wiltshire, said last night that the pressure of his secret work may have contributed to his death.

Mr Ferry, a father of four, had worked for Marconi for seven years and was chairman of the Nato industrial advisory group. He was found in a company flat at Frimley after he had connected himself to the electricity mains.

He had returned to work earlier this week after a car crash three weeks ago in which he was nearly killed.

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Embattled right rallies round the flag on Vietnam war

From Charles Bremner
New York

After a week of Republican discomfort and open season in the press against Senator Dan Quayle, America's conservatives have laid down a two-prong defence for his avoidance of active service – first, to charge hypocrisy and, if that fails, to steer the election into a referendum on Vietnam.

"If the US inquisition is going to put Dan Quayle in the dock, then everyone should speak exactly what is on his or her mind," said *The Wall Street Journal* in an aggressive editorial yesterday.

"Let George Bush and Michael Dukakis debate the rightness or wrongness of the war in Vietnam, and in November let the voters decide who was right and who was wrong."

The war had wandered too long through American public life like Banquo's ghost, the conservative journal said, noting that polls showed that a big majority of younger citizens now believed the country should have tried to win the Indo-China conflict.

The same point was being made privately this week by leading Republicans who are seeking to shape a defence to the Quayle fiasco: The Democrats cannot have it both ways and denounce the Senator for failing to fight while also condemning the war.

Given that Vietnam was the most unpopular conflict in American history, "few informed young men had any good reason to volunteer for service", said the conservative *Washington Times* yesterday.

"If Quayle is to persuade Americans to support him, he should not have to convince them that he was a hero at a time when heroism was greeted with hoots and sneers," it said, but added "he has nothing in particular to boast about".

It is a symptom of the dismay sparked by the Quayle choice among the Republican right that none of his defenders has found anything positive to say about his behaviour over the draft, except that it was not dishonourable.

Mr Bush praised him merely for not burning the American flag – a statement that the Republican columnist George Will mocked as "a hitherto secret Republican criterion for vice-presidential aspirants".

Above all, the choice of a non-combatant has deprived the Republicans of the election credit they could have gleaned from the emerging view of the Vietnam War as a glorious episode that was lost, as Colonel Oliver North says, not on the battlefield but at home in America.

Sounding the conservative counter-offensive yesterday, Mr Patrick Buchanan, a former senior White House official turned commentator, acknowledged that the heart of the media furore over the Senator was the "chicken-hawk" issue – the fact that he supported the war he avoided and later became one of the most militant Republicans in Congress.

"We have an issue of hypocrisy, fair enough," said Mr Buchanan. "But there is also a question here of an unacknowledged and deep-seated press hypocrisy. Why did the press, now so frenzied over Bush's VP choice, restrain itself when Humphrey, McGovern and Carter ran for the White House?"

William Buckley, the columnist, adopted a more provocative defence. Mr Quayle, he said, had simply demonstrated Yankee ingenuity in gaining access to the National Guard through family connections. "It is the American way to use whatever ethical means are at your disposal," he said.

Younger conservatives have also rushed to defend Mr Quayle's choice of the Guard as an honourable alternative to Vietnam.

Mr Roger Brooks, a director at the strongly Republican Heritage Foundation, noted that for America's young elite, "not only was draft avoidance acceptable during those years, it was expected.

"Americans must understand that a new generation of leadership is working its way up the corporate and public-service ladders and that most of this new generation not only did not serve in Vietnam but did not even wear a uniform or fire a rifle during during the entire period of the Vietnam war."

Applying Vietnam as a litmus test for public service would deprive the country of capable and patriotic leaders, he said.

While the Vietnam ghost kept the Republicans on the defensive yesterday, the press started scrutinizing the Vietnam credentials of politicians across the country.

The national *USA Today* went as far as publishing the military record of every member of Congress. Out of 200 baby-boom members, only 6 per cent served in the war.

In New York the conservative *Tribune* trumpeted a list of local draft avoiders that included Mr Rudolph Giuliani, the ferocious prosecutor who has rounded up Mafia chieftains and inside traders, and Senator Bill Bradley, the New Jersey Democrat who was seen as a potential presidential candidate.

And Senator Quayle's embarrassment has also provided fuel for the nation's industry of stand-up comics and talk-show hosts.

According to David Letterman, the popular late-night television host, Mr Quayle's top duties were to "look through catalogues for cute gifts for officers' wives" and "beat local Scout troops to the best campsites".

In Mr Quayle's home state of Indiana, radio stations are playing a ditty by a local duo: "I spent the war in Indiana, getting shot was not for me, I never went to Nam, never saw Saigon, I only watched it on TV."

Beyond the Quayle furore, historians have been noting that military service, and particularly combat duty, has been a key qualification for successful presidential candidates throughout American history. A string of candidates have lost elections after controversy about their miltary inexperience.

Among recent Presidents, only President Reagan did not spend time in the forces. None the less, his starring roles in films as a war hero seems to have provided an acceptable substitute.

Shrewd politicans have joined up to protect their credentials. Mr Richard Nixon did so in 1941 for avowedly political purposes.

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, the former Democratic nomination contender this year, also volunteered for Vietnam, although he opposed the war.

Solidarity shipyard sealed off as police go on the offensive

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

For the second time in three months, thousands of riot police have sealed off the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk.

In an attempt to intimidate the strikers in the birthplace of Solidarity, no fewer than 51 riot police vehicles, including four water cannon, rumbled into Gdansk yesterday afternoon.

Their arrival came soon after reports from Solidarity sources that riot police had broken up two strikes at mines in Silesia. Solidarity also claims that another bus depot occupied by striking transport workers in Szczecin was taken forcibly by the riot police yesterday.

The strikers, estimated at more than 20,000 nationwide, are demanding legal recognition for Solidarity and higher wages.

Despite a statement earlier yesterday morning by the Polish Politburo calling for moderation, and even hinting that the Catholic Church would be welcome to adopt its traditional role as mediator in the present dispute, it is clear that General Jaruzelski's Government is hoping to wear the strikers down by a show of strength.

Similar tactics defused a 10-day strike in May this year at the Lenin Shipyard, but the present wave of strikes in Poland is more widespread than then and the strikers seem more determined.

But in Silesia, where Solidarity reports said that the most force was used to break up strikes, two more mines broke off their strike action peacefully yesterday.

According to witnesses in the night curfew area of Jasztrebie, the police presence is so great that even food shops a quarter of a mile from the striking mines, which could theoretically supply the miners with provisions, have been closed and cleared. Anyone found on the streets after 11 pm is liable to immediate arrest.

Meanwhile, in the north-western port of Szczecin, despite the use of force by riot police earlier in the week to break strikes, striking port workers continued to barricade themselves within the port buildings' perimeter.

Despite these gestures of defiance, it seems that the Government has regained the initiative in the present dispute – publicly issuing rather conciliatory statements while at the same time resorting clinically and discreetly to force.

Each night has seen at least one violent attack by the security forces. As twilight began to fall last night around Gdansk, it seemed not inconceivable that, as with Szczecin and the Silesian coal mines, some moves by the security forces would take place there; if not against the Lenin Shipyard, the flagship of Solidarity, then against one of the other installations occupied by strikers.

Inside the Lenin Shipyard, Mr Lech Walesa continued to rally support from other parts of the harbour.

More than 1,000 shipyard workers were reported on strike at the important northern shipyard of Gdansk, and several other strikers were said to be delaying work on two Polish frigates at the Gdansk repair shipyard.

At a rally held earlier yesterday morning in the northern shipyard, Solidarity activists seemed to recognize for the first time in the present dispute that their defeat could be inevitable in the short term.

"But we have now our fall-back position," they said. "This week has shown that, however often the riot police come, after a few weeks or a few months we and Solidarity will be back."

Beyond the initial police perimeter, however, life continued as usual, the people of Gdansk, long-used to passport and identity checks, delaying their journey home by 15 or 20 minutes each evening.

● **VIENNA:** Hungarian coal miners said yesterday that they had ended a strike called in protest over pay cuts caused by a new income tax after the Government agreed to meet their demands, Radio Budapest said.

● **TUC letter:** Norman Willis, the TUC General Secretary, yesterday urged the Government in a letter to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to warn the Polish authorities that its trading relations with Britain would be damaged if it tried to crush Solidarity.

Senator running clear of military and sexual allegations



Senator Quayle on an evening run in McLean, Virginia. He began his first solo campaigning yesterday amid signs that controversy over his selection as running mate may be waning.

Quayle rumpus starts to ebb

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Senator Dan Quayle embarked on his first solo vice-presidential campaign tour yesterday amid signs that controversies dogging him for nine days may be easing.

For the first time since being nominated, Vice-President George Bush was able to campaign without having to answer questions about his running mate, although he met groups of anti-Quayle protesters at every stop.

President Reagan left his California ranch, where he has been on holiday, to join Mr Bush in a campaign rally. They also conferred privately on strategy. Bush campaign officials think the worst of the Quayle crisis may be over. *The New York Times* stated that, in the absence of further information, it was time to shift the focus to Mr Quayle's legislative record.

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Opinion polls suggest that the controversies have not damaged Mr Bush's campaign. A new Gallup survey shows that the Bush-Quayle ticket holds a 48-44 per cent lead over the Democrats.

The Vice-President focused on his "peace and prosperity" theme, saying that "peace is breaking out all over" the world and that the US economy was strong.

"My opponents can't get elected unless things get worse," he added. "And things aren't going to get worse unless they get elected." Mr Quayle's office released the records of the senator's part-time service in the National Guard, which revealed nothing about the manner in which he was accepted into the service, but did point to an extremely mediocre performance.

In a February, 1975, written evaluation test in such categories as "fundamentals of writing" and "army information" he scored 56 against an *average of 75.*

Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential contender, has not commented directly on the controversies surrounding Mr Quayle, but pointedly has drawn attention to his own duty in Korea. The Democratic leader yesterday received the endorsement of the powerful AFL-CIO trade union movement.

The reticence of Democrats to get directly involved in challenging Mr Quayle's record may stem from the fact that many current members of Congress managed to avoid combat duty in Vietnam.

Mr Quayle was due to address the National Guard convention in St Louis last night. But as he embarked on the campaign trail yesterday, Mr Quayle faced possible new embarrassment after *Playboy* magazine released quotes attributed to a nude model which the senator angrily denied. Ms Paula Parkinson will appear naked in the November issue with a caption saying that Mr Quayle "wanted to make love" during a 1980 golfing outing in Atlantis, Florida, but that they did not actually sleep together.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Fears of martial law in Pakistan

Islamabad – Speculation about the possible imposition of martial law is widespread in Pakistan in spite of repeated denials by the caretaker Government of Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan that there is any threat of a military takeover (Zahid Hussain writes). The speculation does not seem to be entirely without foundation, since reports of division among senior officers in the armed forces have been filtering down since the death of President Zia in an air crash.

Some reports suggest that senior generals, backed by some federal ministers and caretaker provincial chief ministers, were in favour of suspension of fundamental political rights and the imposition of martial law.

Armenians protest

Moscow (Reuter) – Thousands demonstrated in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh in Soviet Azerbaijan yesterday as the Parliament of the Armenian-populated region criticized the Republic's authorities, Radio Moscow said. Deputies, meeting at a parliamentary session in the enclave's capital, Stepanakert, had accused republican and regional authorities of dragging their feet over the new development plan for the region. The Kremlin approved the plan in July.

● **Latvian flag:** The traditional blue and white flag of Riga, capital of the Soviet Baltic republic of Latvia, had been granted official status and would fly alongside Soviet banners on state occasions, Tass reported.

Botha stays cautious

Cape Town – President Botha of South Africa gave a warning yesterday against expecting "too much, too soon" from the talks to settle the conflicts in Angola and Namibia, as the sixth round of negotiations began in Brazzaville, capital of the Congo (Michael Hornsby writes). He said that fixing a timetable for Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola was "the hardest nut to crack".

Church opens door

Ottawa – The General Council of the United Church of Canada has opened the door to ordination of homosexuals and lesbians after an impassioned, six-hour debate at a meeting in Victoria (John Best writes). The motion said that all church members, regardless of their sexual orientation, were "eligible to be considered" for ordination.

Despite the cautious wording, leaders of the gay rights movement in the Church considered it a significant victory. Two dissenting Ottawa ministers may seek a church-wide vote on the issue.

Colonel's bomb fails

Moscow (Reuter) – A former Russian army colonel who packed a bomb in his wife's luggage has disappeared from his Kiev home after learning that the device failed to explode and that her aircraft landed safely, *Pravda* said.

Pravda said that the bomb was timed to explode 35 minutes before the Tupolev 154 passenger jet taking the man's wife from Kiev to the Volga river city of Kuibyshev last Thursday was due to land. She went to the police when she found on arrival that a box she had packed with food instead contained pieces of metal.

Russia accused of breaching ABM treaty

US insists on destruction of radar site

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Geneva

The United States yesterday accused the Soviet Union of a "serious violation" of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty at talks in Geneva.

General William Burns, director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, made the accusation in a meeting with Mr Viktor Karpov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry's top arms control expert. The two men met to review compliance with the treaty which is required every five years.

The Times understands that General Burns called on Moscow to tear down a large phased-array radar station under construction at Krasnoyarsk.

The treaty, which has proved the most durable and effective of arms control agreements between the superpowers, banned new radars of this type, which can be used as the basis of a defence system against intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The aim was to prevent either power developing a system which would enable it to attack the other without the risk of being destroyed in a counter-attack.

The treaty made certain exceptions, one of which was the use of phased-array radars as space tracking stations. Moscow argues that this is the purpose of the Krasnoyarsk station and says it has submitted data to Washington showing that it could not be used to detect warheads entering Soviet airspace from the US.

But US negotiators are convinced that Krasnoyarsk is primarily an ABM system and rejected the Soviet argument as an attempt to mislead Western public opinion.

Soviet commentators have said that the real aim of the American criticism of Krasnoyarsk is to give Washington a pretext for breaking out of the ABM treaty.

This would enable it to conduct experiments in space with anti-missile systems and later to deploy President Reagan's "strategic defence initiative", known as Star Wars.

But Washington replied that Moscow was making unwarranted connections. The allegation of a "serious violation" was made in the context of the five-year review, which had to be held by October to comply with the Treaty. It was not, Washington says, connected with the defence and space talks also taking place in Geneva, at which SDI is under discussion.

Before yesterday's talks two Soviet officials accused Britain and Denmark, acting as Washington's allies, of undermining the treaty. They said the conversion of the Fylingdales early-warning station into a phased-array system, and a similar project at Thule in Greenland, would give the US an ABM capability.

Britain and Denmark are not signatories to the treaty, and Fylingdales is under the control of the Royal Air Force. The Ministry of Defence argues that the work is "modernization".

But Lieutenant-General Viktor Starodubov argued in an article in the Soviet journal, *New Times*, that this was merely an excuse.

A key point made by the Americans is that Article VI of the treaty calls on both sides "not to deploy in the future radars for early warning". The treaty does not prohibit the modernization of existing stations.

Although Washington insisted on treating the Krasnoyarsk issue as entirely separate from the Star Wars negotiations, most observers feel there is a broad connection.

The defence and space talks are closely linked with the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) which aim to reduce Soviet and American strategic stockpiles by 50 per cent. Moscow has said it will not accept a Start treaty without agreement in the defence and space talks.

The key issue in the latter talks is whether agreement can be reached on the amount of notice either side would give if it wished to withdraw from the treaty. Moscow wants as much as possible while Washington has argued for a shorter period.

Hundreds flee army massacres in Burundi

From Andrew Buckoke, Kirarambogo, southern Rwanda

Hundreds of refugees continue to pour across the border every day into camps like the three around this little village in the hills of southern Rwanda.

Their stories and their wounds attest to a policy of systematic extermination of the Hutu in northern Burundi by the Burundi Army, which isexclusively drawn from the ruling Tutsi minority that has dominated the Hutu majority for centuries.

Immaculata Nsengimaai, aged five, had infected shrapnel wounds in the right arm and chest. The child survived only because of being buried under a pile of bodies after the Army herded 15 people from its home village of Jihome into a house, and then opened up with automatic weapons.

The mother and father were killed, together with about 500 others in Jihome alone, according to an uncle, Mr Rederian Ndururutse. Mr Ndururutse went back and collected Immaculata after he heard that the child was hiding with its grandmother.

The tale of the Army herding people into houses to slaughter them is often repeated. Mrs Agnès Mukimbumbu, with bullet wounds to the hand, head and back, said: "The Army is looking for everyone who is in hiding. Then they put us in a house and start shooting." She was one of the few lucky enough to survive. Another woman said: "The soldiers shoot everyone they meet."

A new arrival yesterday said the Army had changed its tactics, however. "They are not using bullets any more, they are using bayonets, so people aren't scared by the shooting," he said.

For this reason they reject the Government's appeal for them to come back. "They want us to come back so they can kill us," said one, and went on to ask why so many people were still arriving wounded, if peace had returned. About 20 seriously wounded people arrive every day at the dispensary at Kirarambogo, and about 200 minor cases. There are only two trained medical staff, neither doctors, and they have been sending the serious cases to the hospital at Butare, the main town in southern Rwanda. The first doctors from France and Belgium started arriving in the camps yesterday, however.

There are now 8,000 people in the three camps in and around Kirarambogo, although they should hardly be called camps, since there is no shelter, and only a small proportion of the women and children can be put into the local schools and churches if it rains.

There are 41,000 registered refugees in all seven camps along the densely populated border area, according to an official in Butare. There is a local population of 110,000. "We are overwhelmed by the numbers," he said. "We appeal for international assistance."

He also said it was difficult to tell what was happening in the area of northern Burundi where the Army is on the rampage.

The flow of refugees is easing, but this is because the Army is trying to catch people crossing the border, and there may not be many of the estimated population of 100,000 in the two worst-affected communes of Ntegwa and Marangare left. The border is three miles from Kirarambogo on the Akanyaru river. A Rwandan said it was so full of bodies earlier this week "they were like fish".

From the village of Nyabitare you can look down on the river and the hundreds of yards of papyrus swamp stretch away to the Burundi hills on the far side. The refugees must now cross that swamp, and then the river, at night to avoid being detected by the soldiers. Several groups were walking up the hill to Nyabitare yesterday morning.

The Hutus in the camps admit that the Army's reprisals followed attacks on the small numbers of Tutsis in the area, but some suggest the violence was set off by a Tutsi murdering two Hutus.

Hutu opposition to Tutsi domination may have been stifled in 1972, when the Tutsi massacred an estimated 100,000 of them, but the resentment has remained.

Brussels – Mr Léo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, yesterday called on Burundi to allow a team of international observers to visit the area where tribal conflict has claimed at least 5,000 lives (Jonathan Braude writes). He called in the Ambassador of Burundi, Mr Aflere Nzisabira, to express his concern over the racial strife between the Tutsi tribe and the Hutu people.

Fraudsters coin £1m from Paris meters

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

For the past two years the parking meters of the French capital have have not been a profitable source of revenue for the municipality.

Diligent Parisians have continued to drop the required one and two franc coins into meter slots whenever they wished to park, but the money never reached the council's coffers. It was pocketed by council employees charged with emptying the meters.

The Paris fraud squad announced yesterday that it had uncovered a well-organized crime ring within the municipality that managed to spirit more than 10 million francs (£1 million) in coins over the last two years. Two tonnes of these coins have been recovered from a house on the outskirts of the capital.

So far 25 people, all employed at the municipality where M Jacques Chirac, the former Prime Minister, is the Mayor, have been arrested.

The fraud squad was first alerted by the fact that certain modestly-paid council employees ran expensive cars and owned boats. But the undoubted difficulty of trying to spend 10 million francs in one and two france coins also aroused suspicion, although for two years the gang managed to overcome this by taking sacks of money to banks to be changed into notes, saying that their wives or mothers were paid in tips.

It was not M Chirac, but his deputy, M Jean Tiberi, who tried to put a brave face on things yesterday. "We are the victims," he said.

The accounting controls at the authority, which employs about 40,000 people, appear to be at fault. M Tiberi said that in theory such fraud was impossible.

The municipality had been working closely with the police since June when the fraud squad had alerted it to what was going on.

Cyprus leaders set June deadline for settling differences

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Geneva

At an historic first meeting, leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus agreed in Geneva yesterday to try to settle their differences by next June 1.

President Vassiliou of Cyprus, and Mr Rauf Denktas, President of the self-proclaimed Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is recognized only by Turkey, were brought together by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General.

They agreed to begin talks on September 15 at the Ledra Palace Hotel on the "Green Line" dividing the two communities, a venue which has featured in previous talks.

Although many earlier attempts to reconcile the two sides have come to nothing, there was greater confidence yesterday. In a joint statement read by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar after the meeting, they said that they felt it had created "a new opportunity for finding a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problems".

Later the two men held a second meeting with the Secretary-General. The atmosphere, believed by most observers to be the real test of progress, was far better than at previous meetings between Mr Denktas and Mr Vassiliou's predecessors.

The smiles were warm, the Chablis at lunch was cold, and a handshake staged for photographers looked cordial, albeit prompted by the Secretary-General who, uncharacteristically, himself managed a brief smile.

The reopening of the Cyprus talks after a two-year stalemate was the third diplomatic triumph for the UN in four months, coming after the Geneva accords on Afghanistan in April and the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq War.

Seated side-by-side at a round table in the Czech Salon at the UN Palais des Nations, the two men discussed their differences over lunch.

It was a much greater success than in 1978 when Dr Kurt Waldheim, then Secretary-General, tried a similar exercise involving Mr Kyprianou. Recalling what proved to be a disastrous occasion, Mr Denktas told *The Times* yesterday: "Nothing came of it because he would not talk or smile. When the journalists said 'Mr Kyprianou, would you smile?', he retorted 'I smiled a minute ago'."

The two men met again in New York in 1985, again at the Secretary-General's invitation, but matters were no better. "In New York, if we met in the corridor, he would go into the nearest toilet to avoid me," Mr Denktas said.

Anxious to avoid similar mishaps, all three parties cooperated to avoid an accidental meeting before yesterday's lunch. The two men have been staying at the same hotel, two floors apart, but managed not to bump into each other.

Precise instructions were sent to both delegations on when they should leave the Intercontinental Hotel for the UN. But the best-laid plans can go awry, and when they did yesterday *The Times* had something to do with it.

President Vassiliou descended a few moments ahead of schedule and fell into conversation with your correspondent at the top of an escalator. Mr Denktas, arriving a few moments late, had to brush past him to use it.

The two men exchanged glances but did not speak.

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Sudan Government attacked over flood relief distribution



A mother carrying drinking water distributed by fire engines in flood-hit Khartoum, where sewage contaminated the Nile.

Critics say censors will hide plight of homeless

From Catherine Bennett, Khartoum

As the full extent of Sudan's new censorship regulations became clear yesterday, it was increasingly unclear how the Ministry of Information could enforce them.

Mr Abdula Muhammad Ahmed, the Minister for Culture and Information, specified that all material leaving the country would be read, but few of the ministry's civil servants have enough English to monitor an interview or check copy.

Moreover, there is as yet no system for providing the written permission requested for every interview, whether its subject is a Sudanese government official or a displaced southerner.

Although the minister was planning to explain censorship details at an afternoon tea party for the foreign media, interviews proceeded unchecked yesterday.

Mr Lino Todo, emergency relief officer for the Sudan Council of Churches, one of the country's largest non-governmental relief organizations, said he would continue to offer his opinion to anyone who wanted it.

He thought the new regulations betrayed a government wish to conceal the problem of the 1.5 million displaced people from the south and west of the county. Their recent suffering has drawn unwelcome attention to the divisions between north and south and the continuing flow of civil war refugees.

Mr Todo said his organization had been working with the displaced people before the flood. While aid coming in would not be affected, he predicted that the Government would try to make it difficult for non-governmental relief workers to operate in refugee camps. The Government was aware of the extent of the problems, Mr Todo said, but had left the care of political refugees and those made homeless by the floods around Khartoum in the hands of non-governmental agencies.

Mr Todo accused the Government of doing nothing to help the refugees and said some official refugee camps had still not received any aid.

His criticism was echoed at the headquarters of the opposition. A secretary forecast demonstrations and said: "We are tired of hearing lies. People are tired of hearing about aid and not receiving it."

Although the mud and sewage is now drying up, the non-governmental agencies are still asking for relief supplies for the homeless, and estimate that only 10-15 per cent of the needs have been met.

On Tuesday night Mr Peter Shumann, the UN's deputy resident representative in Khartoum, forecast "severe shortage" unless more assistance was generated.

But the agencies yesterday were still concerned about how best to distribute existing relief among a population so desperate that fighting breaks out when aid lorries appear. In the north distribution is only just beginning in the flooded areas around Dongela where thousands are reported to have been made homeless.

Aid agencies, fearful of upsetting relations with the Government, were reluctant to comment on the possible effects of press censorship on appeals for funds. But Mr Michael Dixon, Information Officer of the British Embassy in Khartoum, said a lot of coverage had already been given by the media.

"This has evoked a lot of sympathy and I don't think that any substantial restriction on press reporting would damage that strength of feeling."

Denktas demands guarantees

Obstacles loom as talks try to break deadlock

From Andrew McEwen, Geneva

The carefully stage-managed meeting yesterday between the leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities was devised by The United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, as a way of making a fresh start after 14 years of fruitless attempts to settle the Cyprus dispute.

But interviews conducted by *The Times* with both leaders show that, while a symbolic start has been made, difficult and probably long negotiations lie ahead.

Although the two sides have agreed to work towards a federal system with separate identities for the two communities, virtually all the details remain in dispute.

There is also a wide difference of approach. While



Mr Denktas: Insists 1986 formula is his bottom line.

Mr George Vassiliou, who was elected President in February, wants to come to the talks as a fresh face with new ideas and no preconditions, Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, approaches them with a background of 30 years' continuous experience.

He was already a senior figure in his community before the 1960 constitution, in which Britain played an important role, and he has led it throughout the period since 1974 when the island was partitioned in all but name.

In an interview with *The Times* in his 16th floor hotel suite overlooking Lake Geneva, before the deadline was set for a resolution of the island's differences, Mr Denktas made it clear that he was not prepared to drop positions he has adopted with Mr Vassiliou's predecessors.

He made a substantial concession to enable yesterday's meeting to go ahead, but in the interview he sought to limit its impact.

When Señor Pérez de Cuéllar first suggested the lunch, three months ago, Mr Denktas replied that he would be willing to attend provided that the meeting was on the basis of the last UN plan put forward in March, 1986, which be accepted at the time.

He views this as an agreement which the Greek Cypriots repudiated at the last moment, while the other side claims that that it has no legal status. He told *The Times* that although he had agreed to drop his precondition, he has not abandoned the substance of the 1986 plan.

"The 1986 paper indicates the lowest line to which we shall be pushed. Mr Vassiliou must know that we cannot go below this on any issue," he said. Mr Vassiliou grimaced when told of this. The plan contains elements which all Greek Cypriot parties have rejected, and if Mr Denktas is in earnest it will be a serious obstacle.

Mr Denktas also insisted that any new agreement between the two sides should be backed by international guarantees. Without them, he said, "it would not be worth the paper it was written on".

He believes that the guarantees should come from Britain, Greece and Cyprus, the three countries which agreed to be guarantors to the 1960 constitution. Technically the agreement still stands, although in practice it is a dead letter.

Mr Vassiliou replied that if Mr Denktas insisted on guarantees they should be effective, and the history of Cyprus since 1974 had shown that they were not.

"The best guarantees would come from the Security Council, possibly with Greece and Turkey added later," he said.

Mr Denktas argued that it would be too time-consuming to change the guarantors, which would involve separate negotiations with each country. But he agreed that the 1960 guarantees had never worked in practice.

"In 1973 when we needed Britain to move, (Archbishop) Makarios was saying that you (Britain) have no right to intervene," he said.

At the time a Greek-backed coup in Cyprus was correctly thought to be imminent and it took place on July 15, 1974, when both Greek Cypriot and Greek troops overthrew the Government of Archbishop Makarios. Mr Nicos Sampson, a leader of the Eoka-B terrorist movement, was installed as President, which in turn precipitated a Turkish invasion.

But Mr Denktas said that Turkey acted alone only because Britain failed to live up to its obligations as a guarantor. "In 1974 Turkey appealed to Britain to do it together, but Britain refused again," he said.

The House of Commons select committee on Cyprus supported this view in a report published in 1976.

In a bitter criticism of the Labour Government of Mr James Callaghan it said: "Britain had a legal right to intervene, she had a moral obligation to intervene. She did not intervene for reasons which the Government refuses to give."

Mr Denktas said Britain's role as guarantor came about only because it has military bases on the island, but as they are all in the southern Greek Cypriot part it has been unable to use its powers.

"Britain is more or less a hostage in the hands of the Greek Cypriots because of the position of the British bases and cannot do much, except to infuse some cool-headedness," he said. "Nevertheless, we have no objection to Britain continuing as a guarantor power."

The British Government has hinted recently that it would wish to continue its role in the event of a new agreement.

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Harsh US attack on Israeli expulsions strains bilateral ties

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israel's relations with its staunchest and most powerful ally, the United States, were under severe strain yesterday after harsh American condemnation of the rapidly increasing number of Palestinians on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip served with expulsion orders.

Thirty-two Palestinians have been expelled so far this year, including four deported into Lebanon last week, while another 25 have been served with deportation orders and are awaiting expulsion.

The Deputy Secretary of State, Mr John Whitehead, warned Israel's Embassy in Washington on Tuesday of "severe damage to our bilateral relations" if the deportations continued. He urged Israel "to reconsider the explusion order or, at a minimum, to refrain from carrying them out".

The latest deportations have also been condemned by the European Economic Community, which on Tuesday urged Israel to uphold international law and human rights.

Observers here, including the former Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr David Kimche, said yesterday that the latest American condemnation of Israel was the harshest they could remember since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Mr Kimche said he was concerned that it could mark the beginning of a significant shift in US policy on the Palestinian question, in light of the latest development in the occupied territories.

The Foreign Ministry said yesterday that the American protest reflected a long-standing difference of opinion between Israel and the US on the legality of selected expulsions. It noted that the Supreme Court here had recently upheld the legality of the policy, under both Israeli and international law.

The American Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Mr Thomas Pickering, yesterday met the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, and the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, to discuss the issue.

Mr Rabin is a staunch advocate of expulsion, which he has said is the single most effective deterrent available to Israel in dealing with the unrest. In another harsh measure strongly favoured by Mr Rabin, the houses of three suspected members of the "strike forces" attached to the popular committees which have sprung up throughout the occupied territories were demolished late on Tuesday in the Jelazoun refugee camp, near the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The army spokesman announced yesterday that the occupants of the houses were suspected of using violence against local Palestinians accused of Israeli collaboration, including at least one case when a suspected collaborator was beaten to death.

This was the first time that such action has been taken against members of the so-called "strike forces", which Israel views as the operative arm of the popular committees outlawed last week. All the 25 Arabs awaiting expulsion are alleged to be leading activists on the committees.

● **ABU DHABI:** Libya has officially informed Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, of its willingness to give a home to a provisional Palestinian government, the United Arab Emirates daily, *Al-Ittihad*, reported yesterday.

Singapore campaign gets under way



Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, greeting a supporter after filing nomination papers for the general election scheduled for September 3. Opposition candidates turned out in force yesterday to register for the election in which Mr Lee Kuan Yew is hoping for a seventh consecutive victory (AFP reports from Singapore).

Only 11 of the 81 seats at stake went unopposed to the ruling People's Action Party on nomination day, compared with the 1984 election when 30 out of 79 seats were uncontested. After the 1984 ballots were counted, the People's Action Party held all but two seats, but its share of the vote in contested constituencies had slipped to just under 63 per cent against a solid 75 per cent in 1980.

Analysts refuse to predict the outcome this year, although some ruling party stalwarts have suggested the possibility of six or seven more opposition MPs in Parliament.

This election is almost certainly the last as an MP for Mr Lee, who is 65 next month and is expected to leave the Prime Minister's post for a revamped presidency which would have power over Singapore's reserves and top civil service appointments. Opposition parties have said the controversial proposal for an elected President with enhanced powers is one of the election issues. Mr Goh Chok Tong, Deputy Prime Minister and one of a personally groomed team, is Mr Lee's designated successor.

With nine days of campaigning due to start today, the two largest opposition groups, the Workers' Party and the Singapore Democratic Party, are fielding 32 and 18 candidates respectively. Twenty-one candidates representing five other opposition parties are also standing, along with four independents.

Austrian is held over bus deaths

Vienna (AP) – An Austrian lorry driver has been remanded and accused of negligence after his lorry collided with a Hungarian bus, killing 12 tourists and injuring 11.

Police said that he had braked suddenly and skidded

Sinatra win

San Francisco (AP) – A Swiss clinic that falsely claimed it had treated Frank Sinatra with a "youth serum" of sheep cells has been ordered to pay the singer £265,000 in damages.

Animal scare

Bilbao (Reuter) – A dozen escaped circus lions and tigers wandered through this Basque city before being stopped with sleep-inducing darts.

Tax benefits

Mogadishu (AFP) – Somali civil servants and armed forces wil get 100 per cent pay rises after a nationwide drive to collect unpaid taxes.

Galleon find

Sebastian, Florida (AP) – A Spanish galleon that sank in a 1715 hurricane coast has yielded 900 silver coins, two gold rings and other artefacts.

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Cambodia issue on Takeshita's Peking agenda

From Brian Robins, Tokyo

In perhaps his most important foreign visit to date, Mr Noboru Takeshita, Japan's Prime Minister, today begins a five-day visit to China, at a time when there are a few outstanding issues between the two countries.

The importance of the visit, however, lies in the indications that it will provide of Japan's emerging diplomatic strategy.

During his visit, Japan and China are to sign formal agreements covering upwards of 800 billion yen (£3.5 billion) of concessional finance to be provided to China from 1990.

On broader issues of regional and international security, it is unlikely that Mr Takeshita's visit will have any immediate or substantial impact. During his visit, he will meet a number of China's senior leaders, including Mr Deng Xiaoping, Mr Li Peng and Mr Zhao Ziyang.

As well as making a formal commitment to lend more than 800 billion yen to China, the two Governments will sign an investment protection pact aimed at encouraging greater interest on the part of Japanese companies investing in China.

Outside these purely bilateral issues, the key point of interest revolves around developments on the Korean peninsula, but more particularly Cambodia.

Mr Takeshita's visit to China comes as there are few immediate hurdles in relations between the two countries. In the recent past China has been strongly critical of Japan's heavy defence build-up, and related issues such as the decision of Japan's senior politicians to honour former war criminals. But there have been few comments by China's leaders in recent months on these issues.

The issue with the greatest potential for discord is Cambodia. Somewhat unusually, Japan recently signalled its support for Prince Sihanouk as the sole prospective leader of Cambodia and to this end joined in with other South-East Asian nations in seeking to resolve the present impasse over the future control of the country.

Japan's decision to focus on means of resolving the Cambodian issue comes as it has been seeking a breakthrough in international diplomacy, and at a time when there is increased international interest in just how Japan intends to assert itself on the world stage.

Japan's present position supports the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, although it is equally opposed to Khmer Rouge forces reoccupying the country once Vietnam completes its withdrawal.

China, however, even though it does not support Pol Pot and other senior Khmer leaders, still feels that it has little choice but to support the Khmer Rouge forces at least until a complete Vietnamese withdrawal. After that time little is clear.

If there is some progress on the broader issue of Cambodia's future, not only will it have ramifications for the present virtually complete isolation of Vietnam, but it also sets the scene for a gradual improvement in relations between China and the Soviet Union.

Foreign Ministry officials confirm that Mr Takeshita will raise the issue of Cambodia during his discussions in Peking, although he is not in a position to attempt to push China to change its support for the Khmer Rouge.

Apart from the fact that this is Mr Takeshita's first visit to China as Prime Minister, the trip is timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the two countries.

Along with the Cambodian question, the other potentially disruptive issue that will be raised during the visit involves a tussle over the ownership of a Taiwanese student dormitory in Japan.

The Chinese Government has demanded that control of the dormitory be taken from Taiwan and given to China, although the Japanese Government argues that it is not in a position to intervene.

Defence chief resigns after submarine crash

Tokyo (AFP) – Mr Tsutomu Kawara, Japan's equivalent to Minister of Defence, resigned yesterday after assuming responsibility for a fatal collision between a submarine and leisure boat last month, the Government said.

The Agriculture Minister, Mr Kichiro Tazawa, succeeded him as Director-General of the Defence Agency.

The July 23 collision off Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, killed 30 people on board the boat, which had been hired for a fishing trip. The accident was the worst involving the Maritime Self-Defence Force, Japan's de facto navy.

Mr Kawara, aged 51, tendered his resignation to the Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, and it was accepted, government officials said.

Some problems, including compensation to the bereaved families, are still to be settled, Mr Kawara told a press conference later.

The importance of Japanese self-defence is increasing and the agency has more to do, he said. "I hope the agency will tackle these problems under the leadership of the new director-general," he said.

Mr Tazawa, a senior ruling party member in the House of Representatives, served as National Land Agency director-general in 1976 and as Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister in 1981.

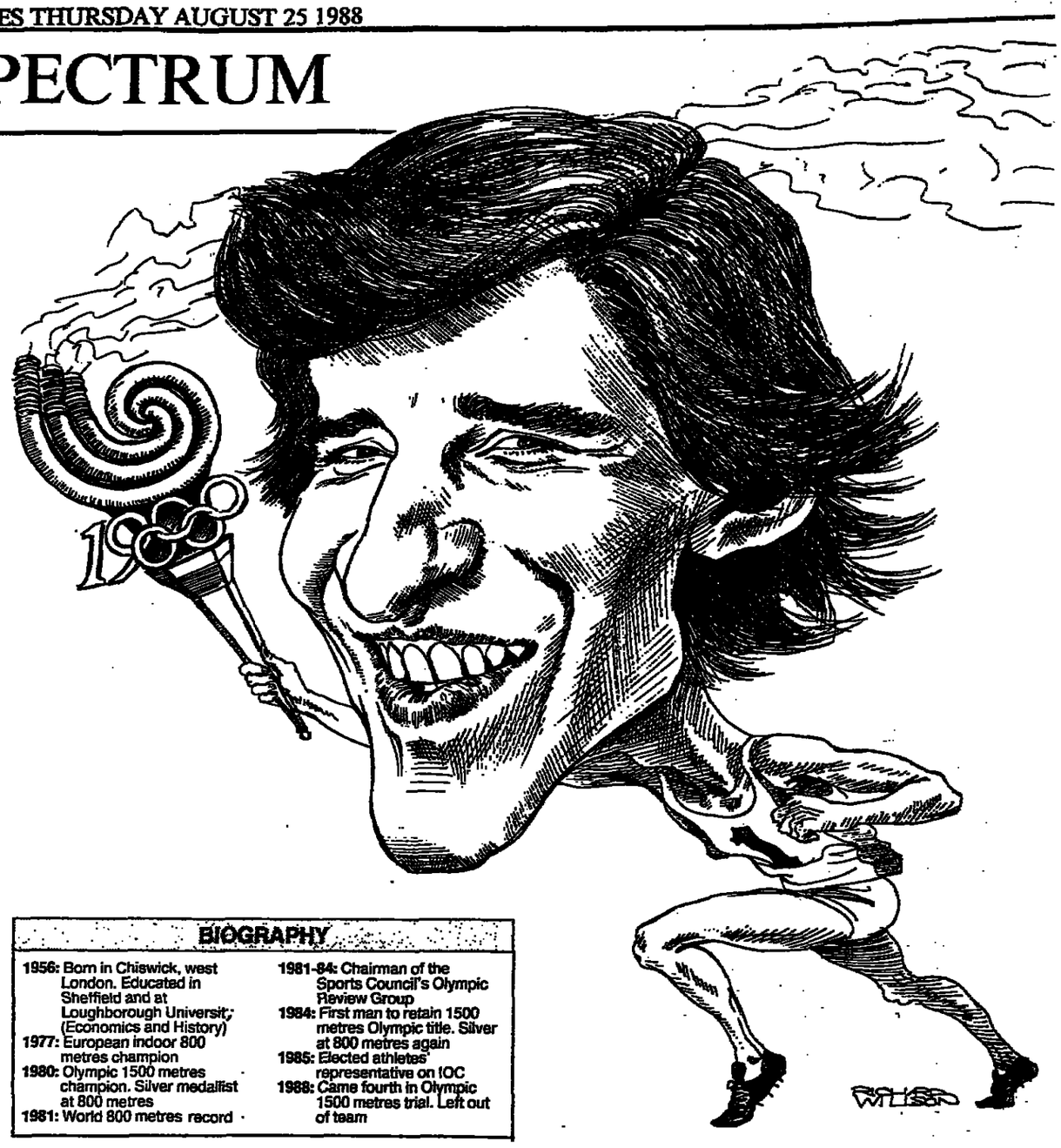
"It's a difficult task but I'll do my best," Mr Tazawa, aged 70, told a press conference after assuming his new post. He said he would work hard to ensure that such accidents did not happen again, and work to gain the trust and confidence of the people.

Earlier yesterday, a memorial service attended by some 300 people, including Mr Kawara and Mr Takeshita, was held for the victims of the collision.

Mr Takeshita said that the Government would do all it could to compensate the victims' families.

SPECTRUM

Ready for the greater race



THE TIMES PROFILE

SEBASTIAN COE

Sebastian Coe is not in the least misshapen, nor is this the winter of his discontent, merely the summer. But Coe can be compared to Richard III in one respect: both men are in thrall to their own ambition. There is no liberation to be had from this, only the acceptance of its imperatives.

So strong is the will to walk, or run, on the highest ramparts of office, that men like this will bring every facet of their character, every contour of their being, into line with the dictates of that will. Their resources of skill, strength, timing and guileful populism are immense, and they get their crown in the end. Precisely what this crown consists of for a beleaguered man nearing the end of a career spent running in measured circles we shall see very soon.

Even if Coe were, like Richard, ultimately to come a cropper, he would be unlikely to make wild offers in return for a getaway horse, since he can run like the wind; this, of course, is the first, but by no means the last, reason for his being so famous, and so rich, while still so young.

For one as used as he is to success, the failure to qualify for the British Olympic team at the Birmingham trials was hard enough, even though he had known he might not make it. What hurts more are the remarks of outraged fellow athletes who do not enjoy his link with the highest pinnacle of sports administration, the presidency of the International Olympic Committee, and in its present incumbent, Señor Juan Antonio Samaranch.

It was Samaranch who, in the eyes of the affair's many hostile critics, seemed to move the finishing tape by issuing a personal invitation to Coe to go to Seoul as defending holder of the 1,500 metres title – if necessary, according to some stories, wearing the colours of the Olympic movement rather than those of his national team.

The story of Coe and Seoul is, however, merely a single chapter in a far more momentous tale which has much unfolding yet to do. How Coe acquits himself over the coming weeks, more in the moral row about his eligibility than in any races he might or might not run, will prove vital to his public image and so to his political future. For politics is now what this former president of the Loughborough University Conservative Association is all about.

If he emerges with credit from the affair – and there are many ways in which he might yet achieve this – 1988 will represent not the end of his decade as a competitor at the highest level, but his *annus mirabilis* in public life.

Privately his friends and associates believe that if he were now to declare an interest in standing for Parliament, Conservative Central Office would dance with delight. Apart from being greatly admired by the Prime Minister for his robust anti-drugs stance, he is also quite close to Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister, who is just one year older and an Olympic rowing silver medal winner at the 1980 Moscow Games, the meeting at which Coe won the gold at 1,500 metres and silver at 800 behind his great British rival, Steve Ovett.

If he wanted it badly enough, his supporters say, he could himself be Sports Minister, or something like it, in five years. No wonder that even the well-established Moynihan is becoming wary of his fleet-footed contemporary.

In fact, Coe's ambitions are grander than that. Already he is vice-chairman of the Sports Council, where he works for an average of two and a half days a week for a salary of £10,600, which is a fraction of his earnings from commercial endorsements and the appearance fees mounting up in his trust fund. He has also recently become a member of the Health Education Authority.

That is already a substantial curriculum vitae in the politics of sport. The irony is that he should have got so far quite so soon, for in criticizing the administration of British athletics he has inevitably put a whole row of noses out of joint, from the Olympic selectors to the British Amateur Athletic Board. The idea that the board's overruling of his initial inclusion by their selectors as a member of the middle-distance squad for Seoul was some kind of nemesis is unprovable; as conspiracy theories go, though, there have been lamer runners.

Most significantly, he is the athletes' representative at the IOC, and as such the conduit for a torrent of opinions. He was greeted with utter rapture when he delivered his denunciation of the abuse of drugs by sportsmen at the committee's conference at Baden-Baden in 1981.

It is in this involvement with sports administration at the global level that the key to Coe's future can be found. There are at present just under 100 members of the IOC: the major Olympic nations each have two. One of Britain's two is Princess Anne, who has just taken over from the retiring Lord Luke; The other is the former Olympic fencer Mary Glen Haig, who is now aged 70. The informed rumour is that Samaranch would like Coe to be her successor. If that is the case, his eventual appointment is all but a formality.

Through his personal invitation to Coe to take part, Samaranch was revealing publicly what everyone around him, and around Coe, knew already: that he had become a godfather figure to the athlete. This was a post held throughout Coe's youth by his own father and trainer, Peter Coe, a former factory manager in Sheffield.

Coe senior motivated, encouraged, supported and cajoled his *wunderkind* through and beyond the great triumphs of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The boy had to grow up. Like many prodigious sportsmen, one part of this maturity was achieved through the sheer educative experience of running round the world, and yet he never really broke free from his father until he was 28 or 29. Today at Haringey, the London athletics club to which Coe belongs, his guiding light is a man called John Hovell, a coach of 50 years' standing.

It is in the company of Hovell and the club's middle-distance runners that Coe finds his camaraderie. Always a private man, and selective to the point of seeming aloof, it is here on Sunday mornings, elbowed and splattered by the bigger men in the winter mud, that he has found the nearest thing possible to his peer group. He cannot help being *primus inter pares*; but let him even try to put on airs and graces and they will have him.

He is generally thought to be worth £1 million; he could be make much more money than that if he really wanted to. But the so-called supermarket circuit, opening this centre or speaking at that function, has never appealed. He still keeps up with a close student friend from Loughborough, who is now a teacher and social worker, and he still listens to jazz and supports Chelsea Football Club.

He was always one for the ladies, particularly when his father wasn't looking, and wooed Jane Bevan, the girl with whom he now lives in Twickenham, with gentlemanly ardour. It was one he was determined to win.

If the corridors of power were constructed on an oval pattern, Coe would almost always draw the inside track. But however he fares among the jostlers of the political pack, nobody can take from him the unique achievement of two gold and two silver medals in this most important pair of Olympic events, nor that of having spearheaded a decade of British supremacy in middle distance running. Perhaps only Lasse Viren, the Finn who won gold and silver at both 5,000 and 10,000 metres in 1972 and 1976 can be said to have outstripped that.

Despite the apparent setbacks of this week, the moment could not be riper for his ascent, for he is the embodiment of the Thatcherite ideal of sport: clean, straight, forthright, clever, a bit of a Yuppie. It is as well that he has had this training session in controversy, for there will be plenty more of it where he is going.

Alan Franks

BIOGRAPHY

1956: Born in Chiswick, west London. Educated in Sheffield and at Loughborough University; (Economics and History)
1977: European indoor 800 metres champion
1980: Olympic 1500 metres champion. Silver medallist at 800 metres
1981: World 800 metres record
1981-84: Chairman of the Sports Council's Olympic Review Group
1984: First man to retain 1500 metres Olympic title. Silver at 800 metres again
1985: Elected athletes' representative on IOC
1988: Came fourth in Olympic 1500 metres trial. Left out of team

How ya gonna keep 'em down..?

There are now more rural jobs than there are qualified applicants to fill them. This shortage is attributed largely to some city folk thinking that farming is hardly required any more

The vision of Britain's youth going reluctantly to work in industrial towns and cities only because there is no work in a countryside rich in fresh air and cheaper housing is a myth. In an astonishing reversal of the modern, enforced exodus from agricultural to urban employment, there are now more rural jobs than there are qualified applicants for them.

So critical has the imbalance become that the Harper Adams Agricultural College in Newport, Shropshire, is to host a conference next month for school sixth formers in an attempt to redress a nationwide decline in the number of students looking for careers on – or to do with – the land.

"Throughout the 1970s, when the Green movement was sweeping right throught Europe, all sorts of people wanted to get away from the towns and into the countryside," says Tony Harris, principal of the college.

"During those years there was a lot of recruitment from the urban areas.

"Then about two or three years ago farming, which most people saw as the main employer, became less popular. From being regarded as the great industry to help us all, an image of subsidies, over-production and chemical pollution brought a sense of disenchantment."

Although Harris says a national decline of up to 30 per cent in agricultural college recruitment is due partly to a fall in the number of school leavers, there is an urgent need to acknowledge rural Britain being more than "pure" farm production.

"Although production agriculture courses are still crucial, colleges are diversifying much more into such things as forestry, horticulture and horse management," he says. "Rural employment nowadays should be thought of more as the management of open space, not forgetting countryside parks, National Trust and coastal areas.

"None of our graduates has any difficulty finding careers to go into . . . there are more jobs available than are being filled."

The dwindling of the great rural dream is readily confirmed by Vic Hughes, principal of the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester. "There is a general perception among people outside farming that farming is hardly required any longer," he says. "The fall in the number of applicants . . . is largely because school leavers think they can go in for only farm production and that there is little future in that direction.

"The production side is always going to be a large part of what goes on in the countryside but people just don't appreciate how many other opportunities there are in land surveying and the management of woodlands, amenities and the environment in general. We are fortunate in having had for the past 50 years a land management department. In fact, land management in its broadest sense represents about 55 per cent of the college programme, and we are introducing more of this area of study into our general agriculture courses."

So, are the wealthy city people, constantly blamed for pumping up rural property prices by looking for second houses in the country or living as long-distance commuters, being falsely blamed for the flight from the countryside of its traditional population?

"The popular image today is of farmers being feather bedded by subsidies and I'm afraid it's quite true that the word agriculture is getting a bad name," says Allan Wright, BBC Radio's farming editor. "Many universities are now having to change the name of their courses to such things as Agriculture and Farm Management, and Agriculture and Land Use. . . to attract students."

William Greaves

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Some fresh hope for acid waterways

Researchers in Norway now have positive evidence that the acidification of lakes and rivers, which has caused severe losses of fish stocks in northern Europe and eastern North America, can be reversed. This will confound many scientists who predicted that lakes, once acidified, would remain so. Researchers also find that in the areas studied, acid rain alone is responsible for acidification.

Because acid waters are generally found in areas with acid soils, some argue that acidification is caused by changes in the terrestrial ecosystem. This controversy has raged over the past 15 years or so, stimulating much research into the effects of acid rain on soils, lakes and streams.

Studies of soil chemistry have given convincing evidence that acid rain is the cause of the transfer of acidity from soils to surface waters then to the lakes and rivers. But one of the critical questions which remains is how quickly, and to what extent, the damaged ecosystems respond to changes in acid deposition.

Writing in this week's *Nature*, Richard F. Wright, of the Norwegian Institute for Water Research, and his colleagues, at the Norwegian Institute for Air Research and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, report the findings of a project called Rain (Reversing Acidification in Norway), which examines the links between acid rain and acidification of rivers and lakes. It consists of two large-scale experiments, one at Sogndal, in western Norway, and the other at Risdalsheia in southern Norway.



RICHARD LEADBETTER

At Sogndal, where rain is not naturally acidic, sulphuric and nitric acids are artificially added to it in order to assess the effects of acid rain on a clean environment. At Risdalsheia, one of the areas worst afflicted by acid rain, the rain is excluded from a small water drainage area by a transparent roof; this rain is then purified to a pre-acid condition and sprinkled on the protected catchment. As a reference, two catchments of similar size are monitored; both receive acid rain, one with a roof and the other without.

Since the input of acid rain at Sogndal began, in April 1984, the runoff (surface water leaving the drainage area) has been monitored for changes in chemical composition. The researchers find that the runoff has become acidic and rich in aluminium and hydrogen ions, both of which are toxic to fish. And, significantly, these changes take place more rapidly than some researchers predicted. This latest work concludes that no other environmental factor is responsible for the acidification.

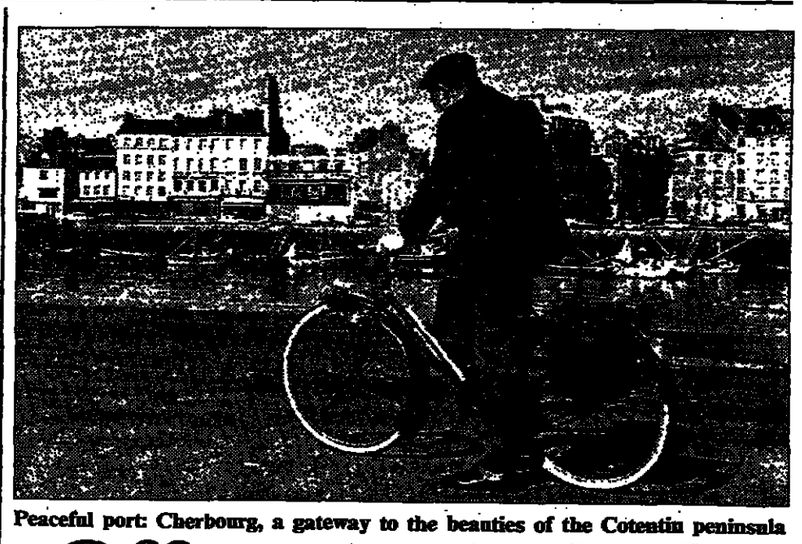
At Risdalsheia, too, there have been changes in the chemical composition of the runoff, and these give positive indications of the complete reversibility of the effects of acid deposition. The decreases in acid deposition has led to a decrease in the level of acid ions in the runoff which is starting to recover to pre-acidification levels.

Though major changes in the chemistry at both sites already have occurred, changes are still taking place and continued monitoring should determine whether a complete reversal of acidification is possible. This work is conclusive proof of reversibility, as suggested by evidence from North America, Canada and Scotland (see Science Report, April 11).

Together, the experiments provide a unique database for studying changes in soil chemistry. With Rain, the response of ecosystems to reductions in the emissions of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides can be better understood and better forecast.

Philippa Lloyd

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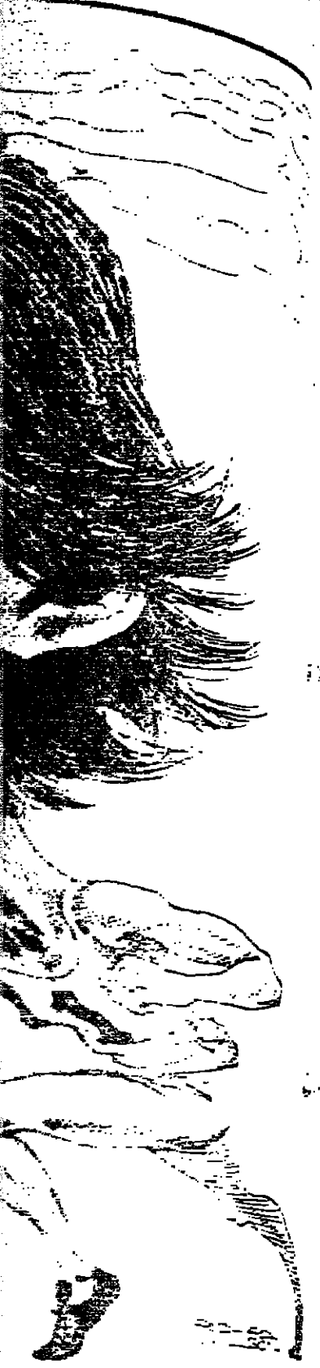
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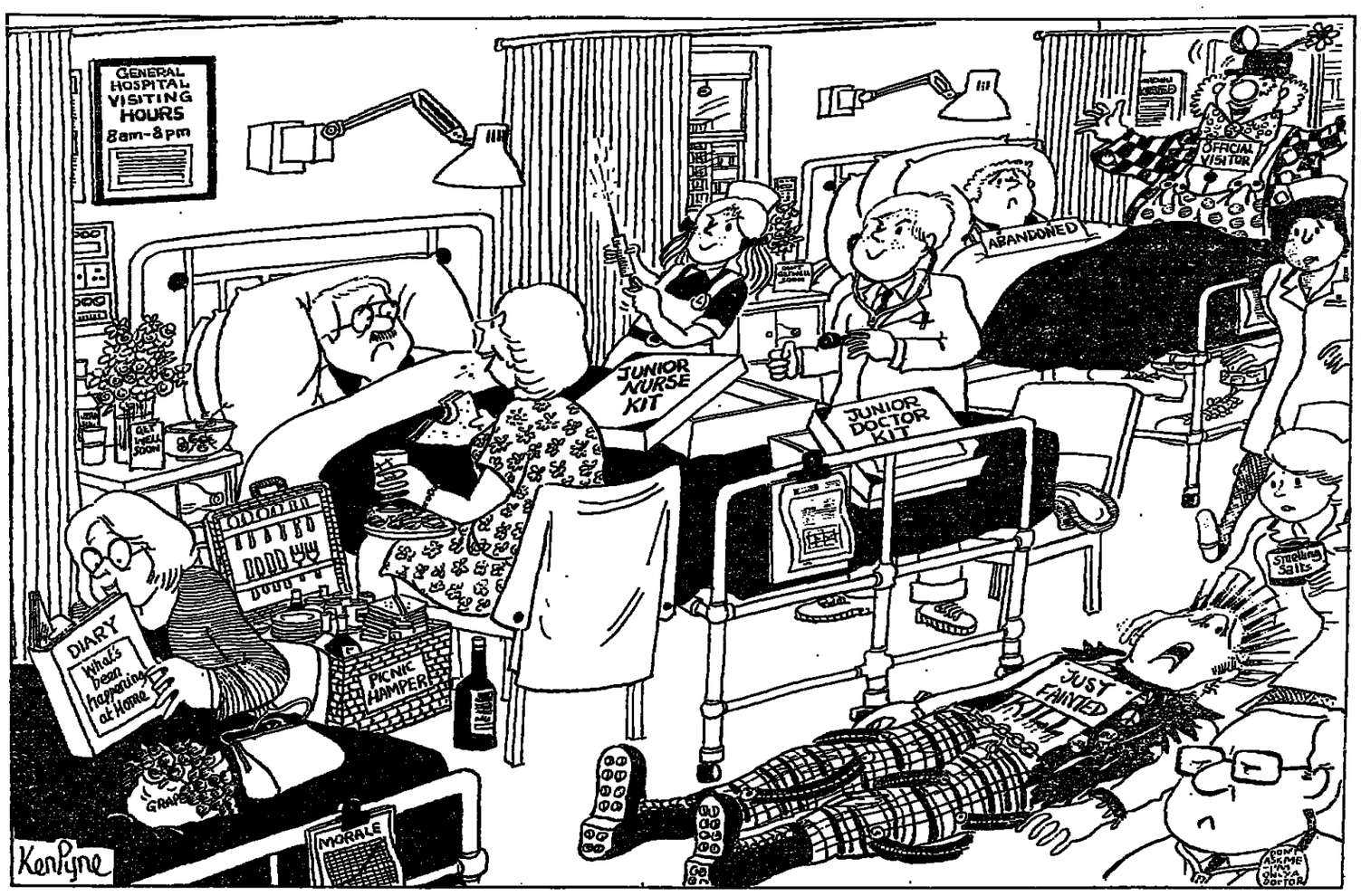
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Hospital patients like visitors but do they like them if they are there all day long? Liz Gill reports on an experiment that ended in disaster



Open to question?

The old *Doctor in the House* films always seemed to have a visiting hours scene. Hordes of anxious relatives, penned until the last minute behind closed doors, would surge down the ward to snatch a few brief moments with their loved ones before being shooed out by a stern-faced, bell-ringing sister.

The scene was comic on film but often heart-breaking in real life. A government paper was produced in 1962 calling for much more liberal arrangements.

A generation on, an increasingly consumer-oriented health service likes to think such regimentation and inflexibility a thing of the past. In fact, tightly-restricted visiting hours are still widespread.

Dr David Griffith, senior medical registrar at the Whittington Hospital in London, recently conducted a survey of 404 general hospitals in the UK and found a quarter of them — representing 42,000 beds — permitted visiting for an average of two hours a day or less.

"I don't know why restrictions on visitors originated. It may have been a question of hygiene in the 19th century," he says. "But if you were introducing a hospital system now it would seem incredible to ask people to accept what is in effect 23 hours a day imprisonment as a condition of medical care."

Griffith's survey revealed a striking regional variation — the South East was far more liberal than northern England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

"I can't offer any explanation for this but I suspect the reason it happens is inertia and a disinclination to change one's ways. It is for the convenience of the staff."

Griffith, whose own hospital allows visiting between 2pm and 8pm daily, found about 140 other hospitals with a similar arrangement.

"The vast majority seemed to work very successfully. Only about four or five expressed any difficulties. Most were very positive and said how much it was appreciated by the patients."

Griffith believes extended visiting is important on humanitarian grounds — "It seems inhumane to separate for long periods (for instance) a couple who have been married 30 years" — and for practical reasons.

He also says it benefits the hospital: staff can use the time to exchange information about a patient with his or her family. Elderly people in particular can often be discharged more quickly when families are taught during visiting hours to continue certain tasks at home. Relatives can also relieve pressures on staff.

"I'm not saying they should take over nursing jobs but you often find, for example, that a relative there at a meal time will want to feed a disabled patient."

The Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales called for "open visiting in all hospitals" in its Patients' Charter two years ago. It wants to see visitors, including children of the family, allowed in between 11am and 9pm "subject to clinical procedures".

"Visitors are crucial for a patient's morale," a spokesman says. "All too often hospitals take no notice of the fact that patients have lives outside to run. Yet it is an extra burden if a patient is worrying that the person coming is losing half a day's pay or having to make special child-care arrangements in order to come at a specific time."

The National Association of Health Authorities also backs maximum flexibility and its project officer, Shushila Patel, is examining the situation for ethnic minorities.

"They can feel particularly intimidated by hospitals, especially children, women and the elderly who are rarely away from home. There might be problems with food or language, even discrimination, so they desperately need their families for support and help."

'It seems incredible to ask people to accept what is in effect 23 hours a day imprisonment'

Jim Goddard, secretary general of the National Association of Leagues of Hospital Friends, says: "The right visit is a great morale booster as long as it's positive and geared to the patient. The last thing an ulcer patient needs is more worry."

He says he would like to see hours made as convenient as possible in acute short-stay hospitals but accepts there may be a need for more restrictions in long-stay institutions which have lower staffing levels.

But even in low-staff institutions there must be provision for fitting in with a visitor's needs. "With long-stay patients, especially when so many have been virtually abandoned, the chance of a visit must be seized with both hands," Goddard says.

"It makes patients feel they haven't been forgotten, keeps them in touch with the outside world and gives them a status in the ward."

His organization has 1,354 leagues, with 470,000 members putting in 6.5 million hours a year. Hospital visiting, along with running shops and libraries and raising funds for equipment, is one of their prime areas of activity.

Hospitals vary in the numbers they allow at a bedside but many now permit children of the immediate family. Teenage boys and girls often prove the most vulnerable. According to a Royal College of Nursing spokesman: "Nurses have to be wary of them. They're not as gutsy as they seem and they're the ones who'll faint first. But generally people are less frightened about hospital visiting these days; they've seen so much on television."

The college supports the general principle of flexible, extended visiting, depending on the type of ward. "For instance, a male orthopaedic ward will have young men who've hurt themselves on motor bikes and who, apart from broken bones, are healthy whereas a female orthopaedic ward will be full of elderly women having hip replacements who want peace and quiet," the spokesman says.

"Visitors usually want to help and are anxious to please. In our experience, people are at their nicest when visiting hospitals."

Such words have a bitter ring for the 900-bed Arrowe Park Hospital in the Wirral which, when it opened in 1982, made a policy decision to allow open visiting from 8am to 8pm.

"We wanted to do things the modern way," says consultant gynaecologist Brian Alderman. "In practice it was the most disastrous thing we could have done.

"People came and camped out at bedsides with their sandwiches and flasks, frequently for the whole day. There was a constant hubbub of noise and often we couldn't get any work done.

"There was at least one occasion where it almost came to violence. We then tried leaving visitors in during rounds but that was even more problematic. In gynaecology, particularly, it's terribly embarrassing. And imagine using a bedpan with lots of people just feet away.

"In the end the demand to change came from the patients, who were absolutely exhausted."

The hospital then tried a two-year period when it allowed visiting from 2pm to 8pm but it was still, Alderman says, "an unmitigated disaster — a shorter span but the same problem."

Again the pressure came from patients, starting with women in the maternity unit. "Even these generally healthy women wanted a quiet hour or two with their babies. Even if you got rid of your visitors you were still stuck with other people's," Alderman says. "So, now we've gone back to the 'old system' and have two short spells afternoon and evening.

"People think they're being kind to their poor loved ones when, in fact, they might be making them or another patient distinctly worse.

"It's hard work making small talk and you can hardly be rude when Mrs Bloggs from next door has been kind enough to pop in and see you."

Supporters of longer visiting hours are unperturbed by Alderman's catalogue of horrors. Griffith has just written to Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, on the subject, pointing out that it is one of the few areas of health care where benefits can be gained without incurring costs.

Griffith says he is surprised at stories of obstreperous visitors. Hospitals are pretty powerful institutions, he says, and if they want to bring their might to bear on individuals they can. Besides, he asks, why should a few exceptions spoil it for everyone?

Bush's biggest bugbear

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Should George Bush win the presidential election, his running mate, Senator Dan Quayle, may be only a bee sting away from the White House. Whereas it would take more than 100 bee stings to endanger most people, it is reported that the Vice-President is one of those unfortunate people to whom a bee buzzing around a picnic doesn't represent merely an irritation but a menace.

He can take consolation in the fact that there are others like him: four times as many Americans die each year from bee stings than from snake bites. The days when first aiders had to remember whether it was bees or wasps which had an alkaline sting are over and they no longer have to search for dock leaves, vinegar or Recketts blue; the irritation and pain of both stings are now more simply and effectively treated by the application of hydrocortisone or other steroid cream. Locally applied antihistamine, obtainable over the counter, is helpful but less efficient.

The bee leaves its sting in the victim; this should be removed not by pulling at it, but by gentle scraping. By treating it in this way, the cocktail of enzymes, peptides, and aminesa which cause the symptoms may be removed intact rather than squeezed into the skin.

American picnickers usually take ice with them and will find that an ice cube will ease irritation. The British, on the other hand, are more likely to have hot water for tea, and they will find that a hot water pack is better than ice for minimizing pain. The type of trouble which Bush might suffer from is far removed in seriousness from a mere discomfort of a bee sting. Patients who are sensitive to a sting may suffer an allergic reaction, which can vary from mild local swelling with some running of the eyes and nose and sneezing to itching all over, urticaria ("nettle rash" or "hives") and numbness around the mouth, tightness in the chest, palpitations, faintness and occasional death.

Those who are not captivated by Quayle's smile need not worry, for the President is always accompanied by his aides with the nuclear button. In future, the same aides may have to carry some adrenalin for immediate injection, as well as some intravenous hydrocortisone which can be given to prevent the symptoms from recurring.

Magic stroke

A few weeks ago, after Medical Briefing had carried an item extolling the virtues of hormone replacement therapy for menopausal women, some women asked for further information on the influence of oestrogen and progesterone. It is essential to take both unless a woman has had an hysterectomy, hypertension, heart disease or stroke, and several have been prescribed these drugs despite cardio-vascular disease. A recent issue of the *British Medical Journal* carried a report from the University of Southern California of a massive study in a Californian retirement community which has demonstrated that the death rate from strokes was more than halved in those elderly women who were taking hormone replacement therapy. *Pulse*, a magazine for GPs, has also recently addressed this question and has carried an interview with Mr Malcolm Whitehead, senior lecturer in gynaecology at King's College Hospital, London, who is also convinced of the beneficial effects of HRT on cardio vascular disease in general, as well as strokes in particular. He quotes one recent American study which showed a 17 per cent reduction in cardio vascular disease in women taking the hormones, while another followed over 120,000 nurses which showed a 30 per cent reduction in those currently taking HRT, and a 10 per cent reduction in those who had taken it earlier. Research on a further group of older women demonstrates a decrease of 50 per cent in the rate of coronary heart disease in those taking HRT, even in those women who were at special risk from heart disease because they smoke, had high blood pressure, diabetes, angina or a history of previous strokes or heart attacks.

Peggy's insight

Peggy Archer's recent health problems have helped to increase public awareness of polymyalgia rheumatica, a comparatively common but little known disease in which early diagnosis is all important or irreversible blindness can follow. Polymyalgia rheumatica is closely related to temporal arteritis. Both conditions attack the over-fifties, becoming progressively more common with advancing age, and are four times as common in women as in men. Peggy Archer, therefore, is typical of the 24 per 100,000 people who suffer from the disease annually. The onset is sometimes gradual, sometimes acute, and starts as a flu-like illness with temperature, fever, loss of appetite, generalized weakness and aches and pains. The patient often feels too weak and ill to carry on with usual activities and these symptoms may be so ill-defined that he or she hasn't even analysed them. Recently an elderly travel agent's only complaint was that he felt so feeble that he couldn't get out of bed, let alone play his daily round of golf. Only on questioning did he admit to a weakness of his arms and pains in his neck and shoulders — symptoms that are characteristic of the complaint. In temporal arteritis the same general symptoms occur, but the dominating feature is an inflammation of the arterial walls usually effecting the cranial arteries, and thereby causing a severe headache. But occasionally the coronary arteries are also involved and can produce anginal pains. The throbbing headache of temporal arteritis is complicated by tenderness of the scalp, so that it becomes painful to brush and comb the hair. A particularly dangerous signal is any blurring of the vision, for if the arterial supply to the retina is cut off the blindness may be irreversible. In both diseases a simple blood test, the ESR, which measures the time red blood cells take to settle in a thin tube, is carried out. Both illnesses can be readily treated; the response to steroids is magical. For instance, within a fortnight of treatment the travel agent was back on the golf course and Peggy Archer soon returned to interfering at The Bull. Prednisone by mouth is all that is needed to treat polymyalgia rheumatica, but if temporal arteritis is suspected an initial dose of hydrocortisone by injection can be sight saving. Steroids are slowly reduced but a constant check has to kept on symptoms and the ESR. If there is any relapse, the dose of steroids has to be increased and the symptoms disappear once again.

Mother's milk

All those who have felt entitled to advise the Duchess of York on how to feed her baby should read the review in the *British Medical Journal* by Dr Frank Hyttan, previously head of perinatal medicine at the Clinical Research Centre in Harrow, of the book *Infant Feeding: Anatomy of a Controversy*. All doctors would agree that there are advantages to breast-feeding if the woman is able to achieve it easily, enjoys it and if the baby sucks well. But most would also agree that each case has to be considered individually, and to destroy the happiness a mother might feel in her newborn child by exerting unreasonable pressure on her to breast-feed, or by suggesting that her inability to do so will deprive her baby, is unforgivable and likely to cause lasting damage to the mother-child relationship. In his review Dr Hyttan analyses the social history of breast-feeding this century and discusses the extraordinary vendetta waged by political activists, consumer groups and avant-garde churchmen against manufacturers of artificial milk.



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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

I have bought a sphygmomanometer. You are the first people I have told, because I cannot pronounce it. My lips start to break up between syllables three and four. In order to buy it at all I had to point at it, mutely, in John Bell & Croyden, suppliers of medical ironmongery to the carriage trade, therefore incurring one of those herringbone glances woven from pity and derision which expert salespersons deploy against inexpert buypersons.

"Are you a doctor, sir?" he said.

Do you know the shop? It is in Wigmore Street, a gallstone's throw from Marylebone's — quite literal — fleshpots, and is in consequence packed with smug coves in three-piece worsted, truffling about for chic surgical gewgaws. Thus, when someone says, "Are you a doctor, sir?" in a voice loud enough to be overheard, it is not unlike having someone say, "Are you a member, sir?" when you are trying to sidle into the Athenaeum on the sly. People look up.

"Not entirely," I replied. Under pressure, I tend, if not to crack, to buckle a bit. It was, I realised as soon as it hit the air, not the best answer, conjuring up as it did an image of someone about to park a battered caravan in Harley Street, nail a barber's pole to it, and begin stimulating phagocytes for spot cash.

"What I meant, sir, was do you want a professional instrument, or a home monitor?"

"I want to keep an eye on my blood-pressure," I said.

This time, I said it very quietly. Who could guess the lengths to which eavesdropping high-rent consultants might go when their bread-mouth ratio was threatened by DIY enthusiasts? They might not only have fallen on me and torn me limb from limb, they might also have sent in a huge bill for the professional service thus rendered.

It turns out to be a little cracker: fits the bicep as if bespoke, and emits a robust yet unhysterical bleep when reaching its systolic and diastolic poles. Also, a little red light goes on. It is astonishing what they can do for £49.95 these days.

All this started a week ago, when I disembarked from holiday feeling fit as a flea, and cannily hurtled round to the GP for my annual check-up before things could start going wrong and possibly require unsavoury new lozenges or expensive poking about. It was not, however, as smart a move as planned. My blood-pressure turned out to be unacceptably up. I could not account for this except by reflecting that one should wait more than 24 hours after paying any French hotel bill, to allow the blood to stop boiling.

Sternly enjoined to have an eye kept on the symptom, I agreed to a monthly examination; but as I walked home past the aforementioned chandlers, it suddenly occurred to me that I could do it myself and save £££s in my own home. So I do; up to twenty times a day.

What fun medicine is! What wonderful kit! Hats with lights on, precision pocket-mallets, shimmering Beano pliers, hand-turned/leather-trimmed optical gadgets against which no orifice can maintain its mystery, elegantly titchy electric saws, tiny anodised cubes in smart polished caskets you can see how quacks become hooked, nothing to do with Hippocratic commitments to getting one's fellow man back on his feet in no time, it is all about toy trains.



Obtainability is the time's plague. Engendered by the enterprise culture and exploited by the electronic one, obtainability is the curse which persuades people that they have to be in touch with one another at all times. It has become impossible to escape being got hold of.

Having resisted an answering machine, a carphone, a Telecom Gold mailbox, a personal pager, and all the other wondrous gubbins designed to keep me on inescapable call, I have finally been brought low by the humble Post-It. This is the yellow slip of paper on the gum for which the 3M Corporation spent millions of R & D dollars to ensure it would stick to everything else in the world, enabling urgent messages to be left for those who didn't want them.

They have taken over. I seem unable to go anywhere these days without finding a note stuck to something requiring me to take this or that action or phone this or that person. My family leave them on my shaving-mirror and bedside clock, my staff leave them on my typewriter and Anglepoise, friends and enemies leave them on my car windscreen and front gate, and yesterday new ground was broken when, stuck to my acacia tree, I found a message in garbled pidgin from our Neapolitan jobbing gardener demanding the provision of something which I have so far been unable to decipher.

Worst of all, I cannot now spot one of these horrors without feeling my heart go pit-a-pat. Can they, I wonder, be part of some huge plot engineered by John Bell & Croyden to seduce hypochondriacs?

Michael Hamlyn on the Iran-Iraq talks which open in Geneva today

Peace in whose time?

Baghdad

When the negotiators from Iran and Iraq sit down in the old League of Nations building in Geneva today for the first face-to-face negotiations since the Gulf War began eight years ago, the issue will not be peace, but the peacemaking process itself. The real question — whether both sides really want peace — will not be put at all.

Iran will expect the UN officials to have drawn up a series of proposals, aimed at solving the various contentious matters dividing the two, based on Resolution No 598. In particular, they will be anxious to see the boundary question as it affects the Shatt-al-Arab waterway restored to the position that obtained under the 1975 Algiers agreement between the Shah and the then Vice-President, and now President, of Iraq, Saddam Hussein.

Iran will also be eager to get to that chapter of the Resolution under which an impartial commission may be set up to establish the blame for the war.

Iraq, on the other hand, has its own priorities, and is going to want to tackle the issues one at a time. It will want to ensure that first there is an agreement on the freedom of navigation in the Gulf, and will no doubt want to test that with its own warships. Second, it will move to the exchange of prisoners and, when that is settled, to withdrawal, and so on down the list, ensuring that each objective is completed before the next is broached.

The Iraqis so mistrust the motives of the Iranians that they will not allow themselves to be rushed into an agreement on the Shatt-al-Arab, for example, without cast-iron agreements on non-interference.

This is where the Algiers accord broke down (Iraq said it was abrogated by Iran when the Khomeini Government began once more supporting Iraqi dissidents).

Last week saw a very revealing incident. The ambassadors of the Permanent Member Countries of the Security Council were called in by the Baghdad Foreign Ministry to be shown a two-page note said to have come from the the Secretary-General's office in New York. It contained a statement which Señor Perez de Cuellar intended to release at 3am on Saturday, August 20, the moment the ceasefire went into effect. It described how the Secretary-General intended to proceed with the implementation of Resolution 598 after the ceasefire became effective. The Iraqis were furious. "If this statement is made," the ambassadors were said to have been told, "the whole deal is off."

First, they were told, the Secretary-General does not have any right to make a statement on this matter. Second, he does not have the right to make this kind of statement. And, third, if he wished to say anything he should get the approval of the parties concerned.

The next day, the ambassadors were called in again, and incidentally made to wait for two hours while a message was received from New York. This time they were assured that the Secretary-General had agreed not to make the statement. But diplomatic sources in Baghdad also report that Señor Perez de Cuellar said he was "sick and tired" of Iraqi tactics, that he never intended to make any statement, and that no statement had been prepared.

Two things seem clear. One is that some kind of contingency plan for a statement had been made and circulated in draft form. The second is that the Iraqis are determined to reduce the role of the Secretary-General to a minimum. They do not want UN arbitration. They do not even much want UN mediation. What they feel they need is simply UN good offices to bring the two sides together.

To an extent, however, diplomats here agree that the Iraqis have been outplayed on this issue by the Iranians, and that even the Secretary-General has been forced into the position that whatever he now says makes him appear to support the Iranian point of view.

The Iraqis have wanted to end the war since 1982, but last April the situation began to change dramatically. Perhaps it was Iraq's concentration on improving the quality of its armed forces that began to pay off. The new Republican Guards began to become a formidable fighting force. At the same time, the Revolutionary Guards in Iran began to lose some of their enthusiasm for the struggle: the cream of the Iranian armed forces had been wasted on the flatlands before Basra.

When Ayatollah Khomeini was finally persuaded to agree to a ceasefire the Iraqi's felt cheated. Given two more months, the Iraqi President indicated, victory would have been his. It seems clear that he was heavily persuaded by Saudi Arabia, among others, to accept the Iranian olive branch.

But no withdrawals have taken place. No troops have been brought home. In fact, the reverse is true — on both sides. There are concentrations of forces, especially in the Abadan area, which threaten a renewal of hostilities.

President Saddam Hussein cannot bring himself to trust any clerical regime in Iran, even after the Ayatollah may have left the scene. He is quite right, in the view of many diplomats here, who agree that a regime of mullahs must be an expansionist regime.

Curiously, however, the President has, after some delay, permitted or even encouraged his people to celebrate the ceasefire. Expectations have accordingly been raised. People now talk of liberalization of restrictions, on travel abroad, for instance, and a flood of new consumer items has already begun to appear in the shops (mostly as a result of an order to stop hoarding them).

It will be very difficult for the Iraq Government to return people to a warlike frame of mind.

It is none the less true that after some time the people of the country may turn from renewed consumerism to thoughts of political pluralism. At that time, Saddam Hussein may need the stimulus of an external threat once more to bind his country together and to solidify his own support.

The discussions in Geneva will be more than usually difficult. They may not solve anything, certainly they will not solve anything rapidly. In the words of one observer in Baghdad: "What we may see is an extended period in which there is no war in the Gulf, but there is no peace, either."

Bernard Levin

Fit for fanatical pursuits

One of the reasons I would like to be rich is that in my old age I could go barmy more comfortably. Instead of being taken away and locked up, I could live at home and have day and night nurses trained to say "Yes, yes, of course," when I refuse to put my hat on because my head is made of very thin glass and I am afraid of breaking it.

This thought occurred to me the other day after reading yet again about Lord Forte's determination to buy the Savoy Hotel and Mr Tiny Rowland's similar longing to own Harrods.

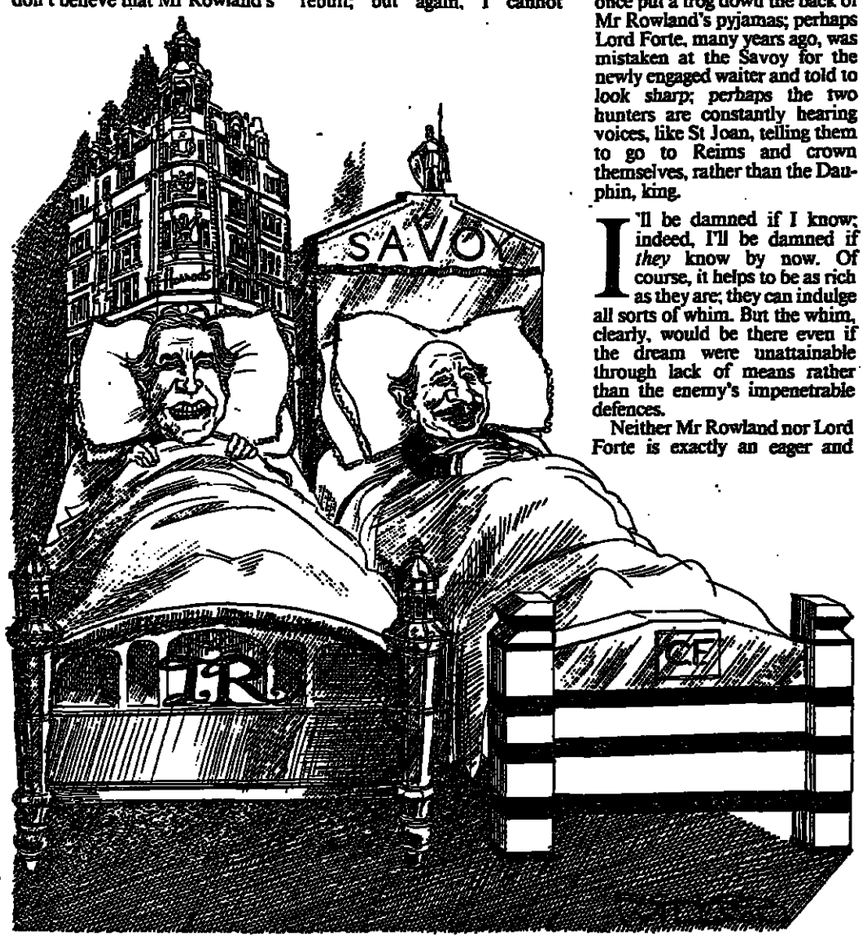
In both of these epic struggles I am, the contestants will be relieved to hear, entirely neutral, though — wishing, as ever, to be helpful — I would like to suggest that the twin dilemmas could be resolved by Lord Forte buying the shop and Mr Rowland the hostelry. (Alternatively, the Al-Fayeds could buy Trusthouse Forte, and Sir Hugh Wontner Lonrho. Or the Sultan of Brunei the lot.)

You may think that the two paragraphs above constitute a *non sequitur*, and I suppose they had better. I am not suggesting that either Mr Rowland or Lord Forte is actually certifiable, particularly since the succession of thuds you can hear is the office lawyers fainting by numbers. But I am fascinated beyond measure by the obsessions that they have respectively fallen prey to; so fascinated, indeed, that I want to discuss them today.

We begin with the obvious fact that both Lord Forte and Mr Rowland are very rich indeed; millionaires many times over. They might become even richer if they acquired their longed-for prizes, but that cannot possibly be the reason for the years (and the millions) they have spent in pursuing the elusive prey. No doubt also, each thinks that he could run "his" place better than the present owner, and for all I know they might both be right. But that, too, must be ruled out as the basis for their fanatical determination.

It is said that Mr Rowland made a fundamental error, long ago, by selling certain shares that he should have kept, and thus enabling his opponents to outwit him; it may be so — I understand nothing of such matters — and although self-reproach often bites very deep and results in wounds that will not heal, I still don't believe that Mr Rowland's implacability is only the familiar "I could have kicked myself" and its results.

Lord Forte is not known to have made such a blunder, but he has a parallel ache; when he was bidding to take over the Savoy, the shareholders, voting with their certificates, decided that they would prefer to stay with the present management. That must have been a painful rebuff; but again, I cannot persuade myself that Lord Forte is so determined only because he was a rejected suitor.



Both losers have made allegations of illegal conduct on the part of their adversaries; but, high though their respect for the law no doubt is, it is difficult to believe that they are driven by the shock of discovering the possibility that it has been broken. Perhaps an Al-Fayed once put a frog down the back of Mr Rowland's pyjamas; perhaps Lord Forte, many years ago, was mistaken at the Savoy for the newly engaged waiter and told to look sharp; perhaps the two hunters are constantly hearing voices, like St Joan, telling them to go to Reims and crown themselves, rather than the Dauphin, king.

I'll be damned if I know; indeed, I'll be damned if *they* know by now. Of course, it helps to be as rich as they are; they can indulge all sorts of whim. But the whim, clearly, would be there even if the dream were unattainable through lack of means rather than the enemy's impenetrable defences.

Neither Mr Rowland nor Lord Forte is exactly an eager and innocent youth (the former is in his early seventies, the latter is 79), but it is noticeable, and surely significant, that both of them are fit and well, and each could be easily thought a dozen years younger; the relentless pursuit of a cause is, notoriously, a most powerful elixir, and from their statements and activities as their wars go on, it is clear that they are bursting with energy and up to their knees in pure adrenalin. But they didn't start hostilities for therapeutic reasons, let alone because they found jogging insufficiently exciting.

Obsession is one of the strangest of human conditions; I may joke about madness, but even the sanest can be mad nor' nor' west, and many plainly are. For what else is an obsession but a skewed sense of proportion? Obsession could well be *defined* as the belief that something matters very much when in fact it doesn't matter at all; the obsession, ignoring reality, will give up, give away, give over, everything else, if only the heart's darling can be embraced.

Old men forget, said Henry V, but he was plainly wrong; old men remember, and go on remembering. It is no use my asking Mr Rowland and Lord Forte just why they are so determined to land the fish; Tiny will say he was diddled, and Charlie that he was the victim of prejudice.

Both claims will be perfectly genuine, in the sense that both men profoundly believe the claims to be true, yet they are mistaken, for all that; this is no opencast mine, with the ore to be gathered for the stooping, but a seam that lies far below, where the sunlight of understanding never penetrates.

The hardest thing in the world is to let go, and the longer the hold has lasted, the harder it is; whether the thing is wealth or objects or love or conviction or even life, that remains true. I think it very unlikely indeed that Mr Rowland and Lord Forte are about to embrace Buddhism, which teaches that only the renunciation of our desires can bring us to the longed-for Nirvana; for the present, at least, the infinitely patient Buddha must face the saddening fact that so far from our two obsessives being made unhappy by their quest, they are plainly thriving on it.

I think it is very likely that if through some coup, or by treachery within the citadel, they gained their objectives, they would experience a terrible dismay, and, with the engine that drove them so fiercely for so long switched off, would go into a decline.

Presumably, both of them would say that they have achieved their great success and wealth by unwavering determination in the pursuit of their goals; I don't doubt it, but have they never heard that useful maxim, enough is enough? Obviously not, for neither of them could or would maintain that he has to have this particular acquisition because he otherwise fears grinding poverty in his old age.

We can only go round in circles, which is not inappropriate, since both of them are only going round in circles. Why must you have this thing? Because I want it. Why do you want it? Because I must have it. It seems that neither of them reads Omar Khayyam, or at any rate Fitzgerald's version; if they did, they would certainly remember this verse:

How sweet is mortal Sovranty!" — think some;
Others — "How blest the Paradise to come!"
Ah, take the Cash in hand and waive the Rest;
Oh, the brave Music of a distant Drum!

But they would take no notice, for it is only the distant drum that they can hear. Did nobody ever tell them, when they were little boys, not to break their drum to find out what, inside it, was making the noise?

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

This chronic public mess

An outsider coming new to British politics could be forgiven for assuming from the ineffectiveness of the left that there is no issue on which Mrs Thatcher's ascendancy is assailable. That would be wrong, despite the ineptness of so many of the political attacks on the Government, not least those from bishops alleging the intrinsic selfishness of Thatcherite society. Nor is the case to be answered one that can be dealt with simply by the Prime Minister's belief, valid though it is, in the importance of personal unselfishness and responsibility.

The nature of the disease was illustrated by a recent headline in *The Times*: "Hospital kitchens still failing to meet hygiene standards." Used to reading such things, we turn to the next page. But can you imagine seeing it in Germany, Scandinavia or the Netherlands and not being shocked? Where else in western Europe would such a body as the Institution of Environmental Health Officers report that "hundreds of hospitals" were failing to meet food hygiene standards and that more than a hundred had been found to have "significant" pest infestations?

Nor is it only the hospitals' kitchens that are squalid. Many hospitals still have dreary, depressing and shabby admission and casualty areas and even wards. All around is evidence of overworked staff, testimony to which was provided by a notice (hardly reassuring to patients' confidence) on the wall of the admission area of a hospital to which I took a friend in his mid-eighties: it proclaimed that junior hospital doctors should not have to work more than 60 hours a week.

Yet the the problem long predates Thatcherism. When I was preparing a long report on the state of the NHS in the *Sunday Times* some 20 years ago a friend who is a doctor arranged a sort of private seminar of consultants from a London hospital in which I learned about gross shortcomings of the premises and services, including cockroaches in the wards, not just the kitchens. Yet this was in Harold Wilson's time when nobody had heard of Mrs Thatcher.

Moreover, the problem extends well beyond hospitals and those shabby doctors' surgeries behind uncleaned shop windows to be seen in some of the less prepossessing inner-city areas. Is there something special about us which also produces such mucky, as well as packed, commuter and tube trains (in which the only compensation for standing in extreme discomfort is not having to sit on the grubby seats), filthy, unswept pavements with their swirling dust, debris and paper, and the often dilapidated school buildings (many built in the Sixties and Seventies) which compare so unfavourably with the solider structures that survive from earlier periods as the level of much teaching compares with that of earlier generations?

What all these things have in common is that they involve public services, and if their shortcomings were an inevitable consequence of their being public, then obviously they should cease to be. But neither Tories nor Labour suggest this.

The Government's failing is that while keeping certain services in the public sector, it fights rearguard actions (nurses' pay was an example) against ensuring that they are financed at the level of their worth to the community on any rational basis of evaluation. This is to protect taxpayers, but there is also a doctrinal distaste for anything publicly managed. Where they can, Tories tend to contract out of public services for themselves, taking pride in doing so. Yet this is not an option for the vast majority of Tory voters.

Labour on the other hand, while paying lip-service to more spending on the public services, is far more anxious to spread the area of the public sector than to ensure adequate finance for what is really important. It has consistently shown itself to prefer a large and shabby public sector in which the user puts up with what he is given because he has no alternative than a smaller and brighter one. Nor will it dilute the pure water of taxpayers' finance with any kind of charges. Its instinct (particularly in local government) is to waste public money on patronage over as wide an area as possible.

The split-minded instinctive prejudices of the political parties exacerbate a national problem in which the public argument concentrates on the merits of public versus private instead of on the question of how best to finance and organize services which, by their nature and common consent, are publicly managed.

The theory of Thatcherism holds that private prosperity will spill over into the public sector, yielding more taxes and thus producing better services. But that does not quite seem to be working. The man or woman who does well out of the financial markets or new businesses may generate more prosperity through taxes to the nation. They may even (as Mrs Thatcher wishes) give some of their surplus to charity. But their large disposable incomes and perks are less to benefit the public sector, even indirectly, than to pile up the nation's import bill.

Our refusal to think out our public services criteria is exemplified in British Rail's wish to raise long distancecommuting fares by up to 100 per cent. Either the market should rule and British Rail should be privatized, even if many services have to be closed; or, if there are good reasons for keeping it public, it should be financed in the public interest. This should cover the effect of such fare increases on house prices in different regions, on jobs and on the cost to the public of extra traffic on the roads for which the taxpayer will ultimately pay in additional road costs.

If Labour stopped trying to weaken the country's defences, gave up undermining private enterprise and individual freedom by taxation and controls, and abandoned subsidizing the absurd in the cause of egalitarianism; if, instead, it tried a new, rational and open-minded approach (even perhaps including charges) to a small *essential* public sector, it would be in political business, which is more than Mr Kinnock is today.

Mrs Thatcher would then have to think about how to give the essential public services dignity. They should be run as much with patriotic pride as our defence or police forces; they too are part of our national persona. Who knows, a different atmosphere might then even work upon the louts who make Underground seats and platforms filthy and regard pedestrian precincts as a receptacle for their rubbish? It is not always easy, surveying the present public scene, to be proud to be British.

ON THIS DAY 1954

When Clement Attlee, the former Labour Prime Minister, was received by Mao Tse-tung he also met Liu Shao-chi, generally regarded as the heir apparent to the Chinese leader. Liu was purged in the Cultural Revolution but some years after his death was rehabilitated.

MR. ATTLEE RECEIVED BY MAO TSE-TUNG

Three-hour tea party

From Our Special Correspondent
PEKING, AUG. 24

Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Central People's Government, this afternoon received the Labour Party delegation led by Mr. Attlee in the Government reception hall near the south-east corner of the Forbidden City. Others present at this occasion, which lasted for three hours, were Mr. Liu Shao-chi and Mr. Li Chi-shen, both deputy chairmen of the Government; Mr. Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister; four deputy Prime Ministers, Mr. Chen Yun, Mr. Kug Mo-jo, Mr. Huang Yen-pei, and Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping; and minority party leaders . . .

The parties met over tea served at a long table, on one side of which were the Chinese leaders and on the other side the Labour delegation. It is understood that Mao Tse-tung put forward the general Chinese viewpoint on the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Liu Shao-chi is regarded as the party leader closest to Mao, and Mr. Chen Yun is the Government's chief economic planner. This must have been the first occasion on which western political visitors have been received by Mao, whose public appearances are rare, though during the past few days he appeared at the concluding meetings of the Peking representative conference which, among other tasks, elected him, Mr. Liu Shao-chi and Mr. Chou En-lai as delegates to the all-China people's congress which is to meet next month . . .

Mr. Humphrey Trevelyan, the British Chargé d'Affaires, tonight gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Attlee and the other members of the Labour delegation. Mr. Chou En-lai, the Foreign Minister, attended together with the vice-Foreign Minister, Mr. Chang Han Fu, and the secretary-general of the Government administration council, Mr. Hsi Chung Hsun. Other guests included senior officials of the Chinese Foreign Office and the Ambassadors of India, Pakistan, and Burma. The dinner, which began at 8 p.m. and lasted until after 11, was served in an old house which 20 years ago was used as an ambassadorial residence . . . and was the home of a prince in the Manchu dynasty.

The importance of the dinner lies not least in the fact that it was the first occasion since the present Government came to power in China that the Chinese Foreign Minister — or, indeed, the ministers and vice-ministers who accompanied him — had visited the British Embassy compound. It is not only Mr. Attlee and his fellow party members who have had the opportunity of meeting many Chinese leaders during the past 10 days, but also members of the staff of the British Chargé d'Affaires, whose contacts with such officials had been very small before the Geneva conference began.

There has been a lot of ice broken in Peking this month, and one must hope that Sino-British relations will improve on both the international plane and on the more modest but effective and continuous level of personal contacts here. The presence of the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in London — to which an appointment is expected soon — will also be a necessary counterpart of recent changes here.

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EXAM RESULTS

As the GCSE results arrive on the doormats of 700,000 fifth-formers tomorrow they will be greeted in about equal proportions of delight and despair. In the background, from the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, will come a sigh of relief.

The first year of the examination (the General Certificate of Secondary Education) which has replaced the old GCE O level and CSE has, after an uncertain start, generally satisfied most of its critics. The early feeling, which may be optimistic, is that standards have risen slightly. Certainly most pupils seem to like it.

Originally conceived as a simple replacement of the two old examinations, it has developed into a large and complicated system with some inevitable hitches. It is important that these are dealt with quickly before they are allowed to become endemic.

Mr Baker, who has already criticized some teachers for overworking their pupils particularly in course work, had asked the six boards who together make up the Joint Council for the GCSE to ensure that above all else the marking was fair. Yesterday the examiners said they had at least achieved that. Mr Baker's own inspectors, the HMI, are already reviewing how successful schools have been in preparing their classes for the GCSE: preliminary indications are that in most cases the schools have satisfied the inspectors.

The teachers' unions are still saying that the examination was introduced in an unseemly rush and complain — predictably — of inadequate resources, a cry that will continue unabated once the national curriculum takes hold in the schools. But what union leaders say does not always correspond with how their members operate in the workplace. Far from complaining, most of the GCSE teachers have put in enormous efforts to see that even with the teething problems — many of which have been exaggerated — pupils in the first year have been given every possible help and encouragement to do well. The difficulty may be in succeeding years when teachers do not feel quite the same motivation.

In improving standards, syllabuses will need to be revised, in some cases scrapped, teaching methods improved in conjunction with more in-service training, and schools should be encouraged to make more use of the special advisers in training teachers. The boards themselves should look at their own administration. There is too much overlap in the number of courses and papers in the same subjects, many of them appealing to a very small number of candidates.

Mr Baker has told them they must improve their own standards of organization and quality control of their papers. They should particularly take note of his view that simply to say that there are some mistakes every year is not an appropriate response. It is an attitude that smacks of complacency. Public examinations can crucially determine a young person's future and their marking should be as free of error as it is possible to make them.

Industry too must adjust its attitude to the new examination. A government survey some 18 months ago described the response so far as uninformed and apathetic. Many employers seem no better informed now. As they have been urging schools and teachers to understand the working world, so must they understand the importance of this new examination that will determine the careers of the country's young people.

FRESH START ON CYPRUS

New Cyprus talks in Nicosia next month will start by putting the clock back 11 years. It says much for the frustrations of more recent times, that this apparently backward step has been generally welcomed. The opposed leaders of the island's two communities have at least agreed to begin at the beginning.

At the instigation of the UN Secretary-General, Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, they will take as their starting point the agreements of 1977 (between the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr Rauf Denktas and Archbishop Makarios) and 1979 (between Mr Denktas again and President Spyros Kyprianou). These defined their joint objective as a unified federal state — and thereby set the scene for UN-sponsored talks about how to achieve it.

In the event they were to be the last agreements reached between the two sides. Although a draft settlement was prepared by the UN, the New York meeting at which they were to consider it in January 1985 collapsed almost as soon as it began.

A revised document was prepared by the indefatigable Secretary-General later that year — and a third version in 1986. But either one side or the other has found each draft unacceptable, encouraging nothing but pessimism over a solution.

There is still little of substance to alter that glum prognosis. But the climate at least is warmer and more encouraging these days.

For one thing, the mother countries, Greece and Turkey, have begun a slow and difficult rapprochement. So far they have managed to achieve this only by putting the Cyprus problem to one side. But progress is eased by this change of mood in Athens and Ankara.

Secondly, the Greek Cypriots have a new leader. Last February Mr Kyprianou was defeated in the presidential elections by the millionaire businessman, Mr George Vassiliou. Mr Vassiliou's official negotiating position differs little from that of his predecessor. But he is generally acknowledged to be a more flexible, pragmatic man — with considerable charm and ability. At least he brings a fresh mind to the problems which in the last few years of political bickering, have looked insoluble.

There are two other considerations which are welcome. In the first place the two men have agreed to talk without any pre-conditions. In the second, a procedural formula has been found for dealing with the four "sticking points" which have caused the most problems for Greek Cypriots during the last three years.

These concern the withdrawal of 29,000 Turkish troops, left over from the 1974 invasion; the removal of those settlers who have come from the Turkish mainland; the question of guarantees for the island's future independence; and the "three freedoms" — to move, settle and buy property anywhere on the island. It was the failure of the original draft to deal with these (most of all with the question of troop withdrawals) which led to the breakdown of the last high-level meeting in January 1985.

Whether they can reach a full agreement by the deadline in nine months time is very questionable. But they have by no means disagreed on everything in the past — and their views on the constitution and territorial divisions are by no means unbridgeable. There are grounds for hoping that they might at least agree on the broad principles.

If so, it will be another feather in the cap of Senor Perez de Cuellar, who has worked hard on this issue since before he was appointed Secretary-General. If not, it is hard to see how a solution to the Cyprus problem — with its permanent risk of violence both between individual Cypriots and two Nato allies — can be reached. There should be great pressure on those concerned to succeed this time.

ANCIENT EXAMPLES

The dissident Czech philosopher, Dr Julius Tomin, is an articulate champion of classical Greek studies in general and its philosophy in particular. It is hard to quarrel with his comments at the World Congress of Philosophy this week that both these subjects are in declining health. It is hard, however, to come full-square behind his view that supplementary benefit of £67.32 a week should be paid to him on the grounds that he should do no work other than his chosen study.

A simpler philosophy has to apply here. His case will have to be determined according to the rules. Those rules have to be interpreted for individual cases. But precedents should not be established which encourage social security applicants to define the area of their skill so narrowly as to make it wholly impractical for them to take an available job. For a bricklayer to say that he only works on one kind of building — and on not another for which a job happens to be available — is unduly restrictive. A philosopher, who can teach or write in many parts of the country, is no different in that respect.

In Dr Tomin's case there is no evidence to suggest that his benefit has been put at risk for refusing obviously unsuitable jobs. Indeed, it would be good to be reasssured that he has not, as has been suggested, refused academic offers outside Oxford. That university may, indeed, be pre-eminent in his branch of the subject but free choice of work-place and exclusive concentration on the Greeks is a luxury few academic philosophers in Britain now enjoy.

A decision on the case has been postponed. It will essentially turn on whether he is or is not available for work under the appropriate section of the Social Security Act and whether he had placed undue restrictions on the work he is willing to accept. He has said that if the decision goes against him he will sweep the streets of Oxford or seek some other menial task to keep his head clear for his real work.

This seems somewhat silly. It has always been open to philosophers to shun the material world. Dr Tomin's field of study is full of them — from Diogenes the barrel-dweller to the great Heraclitus, who is said to have lived off grass and died on a dung heap. If he wishes to follow their lead, so be it.

But many great philosophers have mixed their craft with other callings. Hobbes taught widely. Locke was involved with politics. Russell was mathematician, campaigner and polymath. It is to be hoped that the friends who encouraged Dr Tomin to Britain may prevail upon him to bend his ways and, when he has bent them, find him a home from which he can continue to lay bare the wisdom of old.

Rail fare rises

From Mr C. R. Showell

Sir, The massive price rises which British Rail claims are necessary for long-distance commuters can only be justified by the use of inappropriate costing calculations. The assumption that long-distance commuters should pay the same rate per mile as those travelling shorter distances leads BR to apportion the costs of overheads, such as stations, staff, termini, etc. on a "rate per mile" basis.

In fact, both long and short-distance travellers make identical use of the majority of these elements of cost, and logic therefore suggests that this portion of the charge for the journey should be on a per caput rather than a per mile basis.

Once it is accepted that the actual running of the train from A to B is only a part of the total cost of running British Rail which must be covered by ticket costs, the case for a uniform charge per mile — and hence for a doubling of some existing long-distance fares — falls apart.

Yours etc.,
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Compton,
Winchester, Hampshire.
August 17.

Pronounced difficulty

From Mr Trevor Mound

Sir, Mr Morland's letter (August 12) on conversations with Japanese recalled a freezing February morning a year or two back at Paddington when two Japanese gentlemen could not make clear to the booking clerk their destination.

I speak no Japanese, but I speak and write some Chinese and know that the two languages have many written characters in common. I therefore hastily wrote out some characters asking where the two men wished to go and when they intended to return. After a nod or two of the head, I was able to ask the clerk to provide them with two day-return tickets to Bath.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR MOUND,
8 Beaufort East,
Bath, Avon.
August 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pipeline hazards in Snowdonia

From Dr Kenneth Addison

Sir, The Central Electricity Generating Board has clearly got itself into a cleft stick over replacement of the Cwm Dyli hydroelectric station pipeline on the east face of Snowdon, and your correspondents of August 16 admirably laid out the environmental objections to its construction above ground on supporting pillars. Since the CEGB, however, is apparently influenced more by matters of cost, it should consider two further technical factors favouring burial of the pipe.

My research over a number of years on glaciological and geotechnical problems in Snowdonia concludes that debris flow hazard to buildings and structures in the region was previously underestimated. On September 2-3, 1983, at least six debris flows were triggered on steep mountain slopes within 10km of Snowdon during rainfall of intensities experienced as often as once in five years.

Two blocked the A5 trunk road 9km north of Cwm Dyli but, more important, a third, which commenced alongside the steepest section of the exposed existing pipeline, ran out just a few metres from a potentially catastrophic rupture. The scar and debris are still there.

A buried pipeline could be protected from similar events and yet the CEGB appears to have neglected this hazard, in contrast to the Welsh Office, who have already commissioned two site investigations at the A5 locations.

Second, engineers contracted to reorganise networks ancillary to the CEGB's own giant Dinorwic hydroelectric station successfully buried considerable lengths of pipeline in the neighbouring mountains. Most notably, a 12km buried pipeline from Cwm Llugwy to Bethesda via the spectacular valley of Nant Ffrancon negotiated terrains more diverse and technically as difficult as required for just 2km in Cwm Dyli. The CEGB appears to have ignored this substantial expertise.

The CEGB owes it to the jobs it seeks to protect and its own buildings and structures, as well as the irrefutable environmental impact, to make a full appraisal of *all* technical issues.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH ADDISON
(School of Applied Sciences, The Polytechnic, Wolverhampton),
St Peter's College,
Oxford.
August 22.

Carnival prologue

From Mr Illtyd Harrington

Sir, Alan Franks's timely account (Spectrum, August 19) of public and private preparation for carnival was a thoughtful and well-informed piece.

What concerns me is that even before this event a great deal of aggressive body language is being used, making a middle way seem impossible — a dangerous proposition in a capital city which is still law-abiding.

A carnival is not a rehearsal for an "inevitable" urban civil war. Neither should it be an occasion for intolerable and vicious street crime. Lord Justice Salmon's ringing Notting Dale judgement of three decades ago made the streets of West London safe for a long period. Then he sentenced several white youths to a long period of imprisonment after they had seriously assaulted an innocent black man on his way home from work. There is, after all, a deterrent element in sentencing.

The Home Secretary recently advocated a swifter appearance before the magistrates for youthful hooligans. There is a case for it over the coming weekend with, of course, adequate provision for legal advice for any accused person. Extraordinary events often demand speedy reaction.

Confrontation and containment are harsh propositions to be even mentioned in the context of an event based upon, ironically enough, the concept of community, voluntary effort and public enjoyment.

Yours faithfully,
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Salisbury Street, NW8.
August 22.

Motorway dangers

From Miss Kathleen Rowland

Sir, Your correspondent (August 20) is right: the Department of Transport must act to increase safety on motorways.

What I saw recently in a town in south-east China might well be tried here. Victims of road accidents had been photographed where they lay in the road before removal by ambulance, and subsequently a huge poster was set up on the crossing where the accident happened. Alongside the photographs was a brief report of what had caused the accident.

In the same town there was a startling example of preventive medicine that certainly arrested the attention. A 20ft poster showed only an enormous, brilliant red heart pierced by a smouldering cigarette and the caption was simply: "Smoking kills".

Do we, perhaps, now need similar hard-hitting shock tactics to stop what is often, through culpable carelessness, in effect murder?

Yours faithfully,
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August 20.

Military appraisals of Ulster strife

From Colonel P. C. R. Howes

Sir, In the aftermath of the disaster at Ballygawley (report, later editions, August 20) I write as a retired senior officer with considerable operational experience in command of troops in Northern Ireland and elsewhere to beg the politicians to see the situation there for what it is. I am of the age and generation which commanded at unit level in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s and some of my contemporaries are now in senior command appointments.

As then, so now. We have in Northern Ireland a war on our hands.

The political policy and its military execution therefore owed it to those fine young soldiers to give them better security arrangements than a quasi-civilian tourist coach travelling unescorted on a predictable route at a predictable time, easily identifiable as a fat, soft target by easily-maintained enemy surveillance of Aldergrove and equally easily-gathered intelligence. The underlying reason why proper security was not provided is the political self-deception that there is no more a war in Northern Ireland than there is in North London.

The latest major manifestation of this political euphoria is the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which has done much both to alienate the supporters of law and order in the province and to give aid and comfort to the Queen's enemies.

It is useless to bring our young soldiers to the peak of fitness, marksmanship, and the myriad skills which make our thinking fighting men second to none if, whenever they are off patrol, they are allowed to behave as though Northern Ireland were a peaceful home-garrison environment. But that is what political insistence over 20 years that Northern Ireland is basically a land at peace has demanded. Political wishful thinking has cost the lives of far too many soldiers already. Ballygawley is no more than the most recent example of this disastrous policy.

It will be by no means the last unless the political direction of the Army at last comes to face facts.

Specifically, although the key military advantage of surprise has been lost, internment should be reintroduced, suspects should be interrogated in depth and tried by military court, the death penalty should be available as a sanction, and the Republic of Ireland should be treated in all respects as a foreign country providing a safe haven for the enemy.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HOWES,
Eccleston Square, SW1.
August 24.

From Mr Richard A. Allen

Sir, As a fairly recently retired WO1 with five tours of Northern Ireland to my credit, I follow the continuing problems there with interest and sometimes disgust.

The recent outrages by the IRA are, sadly, nothing new. We have all read with horror of each new incident carried out in the name of "freedom". New incentives and Government legislation, plus increased security measures by the Forces, will never on their own bring to an end the Northern Irish problems.

Northern Ireland is essentially a farming community with two large towns, each by comparison no larger than Reading in Berkshire. Surely nobody who lives in a village or rural community can believe that people can come and go with huge arms caches or bomb-making material unnoticed.

Furthermore, I do not believe that in the ghettos of Belfast or Londonderry people could likewise carry out clandestine plans without being observed.

I would suggest that the very nature of many Irish people is to blame. By this I mean that as individuals, they do not want to get involved.

Do we seriously believe that mothers do not wonder what their young men are doing at odd hours, or young wives what their husbands are doing for hours on end of unaccounted time? Can we honestly think that people in small villages do not notice strange cars, strange people, odd-hour visitors?

These occurrences require investigation and greater instant use of the confidential telephone service, the freephone number of which is prominently printed on most overt security vehicles.

The diligence of the security forces is not in question; more must surely be asked for of the civilians. I would like to ask the decent, law-abiding people of Northern Ireland to look after the soldiers by more reporting of suspicious circumstances.

Most Army bases in the province employ local civilian labour, all of whom, except the "moles", are under personal threat of their lives. Once again the answer must lie with the local populace. They must *know* whose loyalty lies where and who is working at a base for the wrong reasons.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD A. ALLEN,
Camberley, Surrey.

From Ms J. H. McLaughlin

Sir, Having three sons in different infantry regiments, there is usually one, and sometimes two, in Northern Ireland. I am, therefore, more than a little interested in the situation.

With this new and appalling carnage will the authorities now stop transporting small numbers of soldiers along roads which are extremely vulnerable? Would it not be more sensible for them to be helicoptered to and from Aldergrove airport? It can't be more expensive (if that is why it isn't done) than the loss of X number of soldiers.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McLAUGHLIN,
Oxfordshire.

The worst of times

From Mr Alun Roberts

Sir, I would like to comment on Mr Stephen Wood's sad letter (August 20). We have among our members a single pensioner who is in a similar position.

In these days of encouraging people to buy their own house, she used what savings she had to buy a small cottage. After consultations with a building society and the DHSS office she went ahead with the purchase on the clear understanding that the interest on her mortgage would be met by the DHSS. When interest rates rose her benefit from the DHSS was adjusted.

Not any more! She has a benefit which is "transitionally protected": in other words, she receives the benefit that was paid to her before the fateful day of April 11 when the new benefits came *into operation.*

We have criticised this device for some considerable time. The Government hides behind it to claim that those who receive it are no worse off in cash terms. Technically correct, of course. But as Mr Wood has so eloquently demonstrated, those who receive such "protection" are not protected from the ravages of inflation.

What Mr Wood may not realise is that his cash benefit will remain at its current level until such time as inflation erodes the difference between his current benefit and the relevant income support uprated for inflation over time. In *real* terms he and, we suspect, many others like him will find themselves steadily worse off.

We believe this to be most unjust, particularly when so many of those in work are enjoying rapidly improving standards of living.

Yours faithfully,
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August 21.

Glyndebourne grouse

From Mr Quentin Morris

Sir, Your correspondents' concern at those who sleep through the whole of the performance at Glyndebourne (August 15, 19, 20) should be matched by a heartfelt admiration for their being able to do so on such uncomfortable seats — something I have failed to achieve.

Might not the Glyndebourne authorities launch an appeal to corporate patrons for the provision of more comfortable seating?

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN MORRIS,
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Pall Mall, SW1.
August 22.

From Mr P. C. Thompson

Sir, Your correspondents are unjust to assume that those who succumb to sleep during opera performances are necessarily well-dined philistines.

There are others, *quorum pars parva fui*, who enjoy opera just as much as your censorious correspondents, but whom the combination of darkness, a comfortable seat and a day's work lulls unwillingly to sleep, usually for only a few minutes. And why, in any case, should those who have paid for seats not sleep in them, if they do not also snore?

Yours faithfully,
P. C. THOMPSON,
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Worcester.
August 20.

S Africa sanctions

From Mr Bryan McGee

Sir, It is worth remembering that the largest ethnic group in South Africa are the six million Zulus, whose undisputed leader, Chief Buthelezi, has argued forcefully and consistently against sanctions. Amongst the next largest group, the five million whites, are nearly two million English-speaking who dominate the commercial life of the country.

It is this "silent" minority with a distinguished history of comparatively liberal views and actions who are seldom considered in the Western media. They together with the blacks would be the most economically ruined by effective sanctions.

Would it not be more sensible to support our kith and kin by means of greater investment in the country so that they can more effectively use their influence to reduce the constraints of apartheid?

Abandoning these people as proposed by the Governments of Australia and Canada will only drive them into the arms of the extreme right since they will have nowhere else to go.

Suggestions of cutting air links are particularly hurtful since it is this group with its business and family links who would be most harmed.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN McGEE,
Blackbrook House,
Stockport, Cheshire.
August 23.

Recollections of early Ashton

From Mr Vivian Ellis

Sir, Readers of *The Times* might be interested to know that, in addition to ballets that will always remain in the repertoire (Obituary, August 20), Freddie Ashton (as he was then known to me), like Balanchine, staged ballets for revues, probably to supplement an income from more artistic but less lucrative sources.

In 1934, at the Saville Theatre, he partnered Frances Day in a song from *Jill Darling* — one of my musicals — entitled *Dancing with a Ghost*. In 1936 he devised, again to my music, a delightful hat shop ballet for June in André Charlot's revue at the Vaudeville Theatre, *The Town Talks*; and finally, in *Running Riot* at the Gaiety Theatre in 1938, a Chinese ballet which, for the life of me, I cannot recall.

Years later, when I met Freddie at a matinée at the Haymarket Theatre, I found him totally unspoilt by his own success, a tribute to the man as well as his work.

Yours sincerely,
VIVIAN ELLIS,
Holnicote,
Nr Minehead, Somerset.
August 20.

From Major Paul I. C. Payne

Sir, Before Frederick Ashton began his studies with Massine, Cyril (Binkie) Beaumont gave him his first parts at the age of 21 as a sword-waving dervish in his burlesque ballet called *Circus*, and as a Cruel Old Man and a Young Man in his fantastic ballet called *The Christmas Tree*, both performed by the Cremorne company at the New Scala Theatre, March 11, 1926.

The scenery and costumes were designed by Wyndham Payne, some of whose designs are on the desk beside me.

Yours truly,
PAUL PAYNE,
Whitehall, Old Cleeve,
Minehead, Somerset.
August 20.

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Sir Frederick Ashton is described (Obituary, August 20) as having attended a "minor public school", its name not even given.

Isn't it time this belittling expression was decently buried? Presumably it arose in the first half of the present century to refer to those nineteenth-century foundations that were regarded as inferior by comparison with the "great schools" such as Harrow, Rugby and Canterbury.

Sir Frederick actually attended Dover College, founded in 1871, granted a Royal Charter in 1923 and today well established as a flourishing public school of some 370 pupils. It can now hardly be regarded as "minor", all the more for having numbered Sir Frederick among its former students.

Yours faithfully,
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August 20.

Trial by jury

From Mr Philip Browning

Sir, Most of those involved in magistrates' courts would applaud Mr Blair-Gould's proposals (August 18) to restrict the right of trial by jury to those serious cases which merit it.

I am puzzled, however, by the distinction between theft which "casts such a unique stigma that this always merits trial by jury" and "simple dishonesty causing loss of less than, say, £500", which would only be triable in the lower court. The supposed stigma surely arises from the dishonesty which is an integral part of theft, leaving me to wonder what Mr Blair-Gould means by "simple dishonesty". Surely most shoplifting cases are simple?

Yours faithfully,
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Norwich, Norfolk.
August 18.

The young idea

From Mr Graham Keating

Sir, Mr Nottage (August 19) records his pleasure in noting a young football supporter's dash from, and return to, an Underground train in order to deposit an empty drink can in a station litter bin.

I fear this action may not have been some altruistic move in the long-standing campaign to "Keep Britain tidy" but rather a self-imposed dare, e.g., "Can I get off the train, dispose of can and get back on train before the doors close?"

I am prompted to this *train of thought* by memories of my schooldays version of the game, which was to alight from the school bus at one stop and make a run to the next stop in order to reboard. Whether one was successful depended on the amount and speed of the other traffic.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. KEATING,
49 Gorsebank Road,
Hale Barns,
Cheshire.
August 22.

The acid test?

From Miss Sophie C. Asscher

Sir, Is not the answer to the antifreeze shortage (report, August 20) Austrian wine?

SOPHIE C. ASSCHER,
29 Pear Tree Lane,
Wapping, E1.
August 20.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 24: The Prince Edward, President of the National Youth Music Theatre, attended a performance of the "Drake" musical at the George Square Theatre, Edinburgh, this afternoon.

His Royal Highness was received by the Artistic Director of the National Youth Music Theatre (Mr Jeremy James Taylor).

The Prince Edward, Patron of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, this evening attended the opening performance of *Murder in the Cathedral* in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh (Minister, the Reverend Gilleasbuig Macmillan).

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) and the Artistic Director of the National Youth Theatre (Mr Edward Wilson).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust, will visit The Netherlands from October 26 to 27.

The Duke and Duchess of York will be undertaking official engagements in Australia from September 28 to October 7.

The Princess Royal will attend The Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in Seoul, from September 18 to October 2.

A memorial meeting for Mr Denys Thompson is to be held in the Howard Building, Downing College, Cambridge, by permission of the Master and Fellows, at 2 pm on Sunday, September 25.

Marriages

Mr J. Reith
and Mrs D. Rawlence
The marriage took place in Newport, Isle of Wight, on August 20, between Mr Jock Reith and Mrs Dorothy Rawlence.

Mr I.C.J. Spencer
and Miss R. Williams
The marriage took place recently of Mr Ian Spencer, elder son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs I.J. Spencer , of Wilton, Wiltshire, and Miss Rebecca Williams, daughter of Mrs A.E. Williams, of Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, and Mr V.R. Williams, of Worcester.

Birthdays today

Mr Martin Amis, author, 39; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, 58; Mr Leonard Bernstein, composer, 70; Mr Sean Connery, actor, 58; Mr Frederick Forsyth, author, 50; Mr Andrew Gardner, broadcaster, 56; Sir Donald Logan, diplomat, 71; Lord McGregor of Durris, 67; Mr Brian Moore, novelist, 67; Mrs M.S. Trenaman, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 69; Professor Anne Warner, physiologist, 48.

Princes hurt

Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark and his younger brother, Prince Joachim, suffered minor injuries in a car accident near Cahors, France, on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

They were with two Danish friends when the car hit a tree and somersaulted several times. The four were treated in hospital. Prince Frederik, aged 20, has a fractured shoulder and Prince Joachim, aged 19, and the others suffered only minor bruises.

The princes were visiting their parents who are staying at the castle of Caix, the ancestral home of their French-born father, Count Henri de Monpezat.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, Patron of the Cambridge Youth Theatre, will attend a performance of *The Heart of a Dog* at the Southside International Community Centre, Nicholson Street, Edinburgh, at 2.45; and, as President of the National Youth Music Theatre, will attend a performance of *The Little Rats* at the George Square Theatre, Edinburgh, at 7.15.

Meteorite fire 'led to demise of dinosaurs'

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Scientists have found dramatic new evidence for a global fire which engulfed the Earth 65 million years ago, probably as a result of the impact of a gigantic meteorite.

The discovery adds further weight to the theory that a world-wide disaster was responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Dr Edward Anders, of the University of Chicago, and colleagues in the United States, Switzerland and New Zealand report in the latest issue of the journal *Nature* that clays unearthed from five sites in Europe and New Zealand contain as much as 10,000 times higher levels of the element carbon than expected.

Much of this is in the form of soot, of the sort generated in fires, and chemical analysis has revealed that it was almost certainly generated in one apocalyptic event.

The scientists are particularly excited by the fact that at one of the sites in New Zealand the soot layer coincides with a layer relatively rich in the element iridium.

This is much more common in material from outer space than in the Earth crust, and has led the team to tie the fire to the impact of a meteorite when dinosaurs roamed the Earth.

A careful examination of the evidence locked into the fossil record which has now been unearthed by the team enables a picture to be put together of what may have happened in the final few moments of the age of the dinosaurs.

As the meteorite hurtled to Earth, the atmosphere would have been rapidly heated, with strong winds whipping up to affect trees at ground level. Just before the impact, the winds would have reached hurricane force, and whole forests would be razed.

The intense heat of the meteorite's glowing tail would trigger major fires to spring up, whose spread only the oceans could stop. "If the impact was over North America, then the fires might spread over Eurasia and perhaps Africa", say the researchers.

Then there would be a collosal explosion as the meteorite struck the earth, producing a crater as much as 300 kilometres across.

Poisonous gases, such as carbon monoxide, and vast quantities of soot would be thrown into atmosphere. Those creatures lucky enough to survive the fires and fumes would then find themselves plunged into a false winter, as the soot blotted out the light of the sun.

Starved of food, warmth and light, many living creatures, including the dinosaurs, would soon succumb.

The Cote d'Azur basks in its centenary celebrations

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The Côte d'Azur is one hundred years old. Amid the firework displays, cultural events and any excuse for a sumptuous party this month, the centenary provides a chance for critics to analyse the emergence of the South of France as the chic holiday resort of Europe and to ask whether it still merits its reputation.

According to *Larousse*, the Côte d'Azur was the name originally attributed to the coastline between Cannes and Menton where at the turn of the century "the rich and infirm, convalescents and foreigners – particularly English" came in winter to benefit from the gentle climate and the beautiful scenery.

The change from winter to summer resort came between the two world wars when its exclusive clientele of European aristocracy and upper classes, according to the encyclopaedia, was widened to include ordinary but moneyed holidaymakers. They became a permanent feature after the Second World War "when it became customary for employers to accord paid holidays".

The numbers arriving on the Côte d'Azur every year continue to grow, but the big spenders grow fewer. An article in *L'Express* magazine judges that the inimitable style of Saint-Tropez probably ended at the beginning of the 1970s when the campers came.

"Thirty years ago Saint-Tropez was considered crowded out when there were 2,000 people in town", remarked an old fisherman, "today there can be as many as 100,000."

Many of the people walking around in an effort to see and be seen end up recognizing only the couple from the next tent, although some of the idols of the 1960s who made Saint-Tropez famous are still around with nearly natural sun-bleached hair and held-in tummies.

Brigitte Bardot – the most famous of them all – has long flown the coop, preferring to live quietly with her animals than publicly with humans. The outrageonsness of those years has disappeared.

Probably the youngest of the tanned "celebrities" that have filled the summer pages of glossy magazines, such as *Paris Match*, is the 22-year-old Canadian model who the ageing pop star, Johnny Halliday, swears is going to be his next wife.

The big yachts still come in to berth, but the once leisurely calm has given way to the efforts this year of the Maritime Police to control dangerous driving by speed boats and launches in the overcrowded sea.

Frequent patrols and warnings to speeding boats have failed to prevent several horrific accidents this summer. This month, a launch travelling at top speed sliced through a giant inflatable rubber tube – commonly known as a banana – carrying six young people who were being towed on a joy ride by a speedboat. One young man was killed outright and the others injured, one seriously. Police are searching for the launch which carried on without stopping.

The crowds on the Côte have driven those who want to be alone up into the hills behind. There the beautifully-smelling pine forests are now filled with luxurious bungalows, each equipped with their own pool. To rent one of these for the month of August can cost 300,000 Francs (£30,000).

To those who lament that the Côte d'Azur is not what it used to be, *L'Express* points out that it has been declared finished at every stage of its development since Guy de Maupassant sailed by in his yacht in 1887 and wrote of its beauty. Its fame was later launched by the painter, Paul Signac, who brought his friends Matisse, Dufy, Roussel and others to the small unspoilt fishing ports because of the beautiful light.

Each era has created its own fashion and *L'Express* is optimistic that a new sense of direction will emerge to take it through to its bicentenary.



Dame Judi Dench, making her London debut as a director, gives Kenneth Branagh some final instructions before the Renaissance Theatre Company's production of *Much Ado About Nothing* opens at the Phoenix Theatre tonight.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective agency, Glasgow, 1819; Bret Harte, writer, Albany, New York, 1836.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Morgan, buccaneer, Jamaica(?), 1688; David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1776; James Watt, Birmingham, 1819; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Buckinghamshire, 1822; Michael Faraday, physicist, near Hampton Court, Surrey, 1867; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Weimar, 1900; Henri Fantin-Latour, painter, Buré, France, 1904; Gregori Zinoviev, revolutionary, executed, Moscow, 1936; George, Duke of Kent, killed in an air crash, near Dunbeath, Highland, 1942.

Formation of the National Government, led by Ramsay MacDonald, 1931.

US museum backs down over head

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu has announced that one of its most prized possessions, a marble head of Achilles, is not a Greek original of the fourth century BC as the museum had thought.

When the richest museum in the world bought it, the huge head was attributed to Skopas, an important Greek sculptor and architect. It was dated 350-340 BC, and was thought to have been part of a pediment depicting a scene from the Trojan War at the ancient site of Tegea, where Skopas built a temple to Athena Alea.

A recent Getty handbook called the head "one of the few original Greek sculptures in Western European or American collections that can be placed within the context of a specific monument".

But, according to the museum press officer, Miss Lori Starr, the museum now says that the head is not a fourth-century Greek original.

No further details would be announced until the museum had worked out a settlement with the anonymous dealer who, in 1979, sold the piece to the museum.

Last September, the head, which has been under close study for several years, was removed from view.

A marble stele identified as an archaic Attic grave relief has also been removed from the galleries for similar study. Its authenticity is questioned.

The announcement about the marble head comes close on the heels of a report that the Getty's fifth-century statue of Aphrodite, unveiled three weeks ago, might have been smuggled out of Morgantina, Sicilly, in the mid-1970s.

The authenticity of the Aphrodite is not questioned, but Italian officials, though agreeing that the statue was not stolen from the Morgantina archaeological site, insist that the issue remains to be settled.

Museum officials say that if it is proved that the statue was smuggled, they will return the Aphrodite to the Italian Government.

Latest wills

Dr Mary **Woodall**, of Burcot, Oxfordshire, an authority on Gainsborough and director of the Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery, left estate valued at £194,233 net.

Professor Thomas Walter **Freeman**, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, professor of geography, Manchester University, left estate valued at £59,287 net.

Mr Robert John **Unstead**, of Thorpeness, Suffolk, author, left estate valued at £127,623 net.

Mrs Kathleen Beatrice **Shuffle**, of Sutton, Surrey, left estate valued at £150,134 net. She left £3,000 each to the PDSA and Battersea Dogs Home, £2,000 each to the Greenpeace Environmental Trust, and the Lockwood Home of Rest for Donkeys, Wormley, Godalming and the residue to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mrs Eileen Auckland **Houghton**, of Dorchester, Dorset £554,039.

Mrs Monica Margaret **Keith**, of Edenbridge, Kent £310,083

Mr Alexander Robert **Kennedy**, of Beckenham, Kent . £446,943.

Mrs Marjorie **Lathbury**, of Mayfield, East Sussex..... £584,573.

Mr Michael **Laurie**, of Arlington Street, London SW1.. £869,810.

Miss Louie Kathleen **Marchant**, of Bedford..... £440,200.

Mrs Sophie **Marchant**, of Marylebone, London £302,605.

Mr Percival George Edwin **Michaelis**, of West Horsley, Surrey..... £518,712.

Mr Robert Charles **Newton**, of Old Cleeve, Minehead, Somerset..... £291,958.

Mrs Doris Grace **Smith**, of Leigh on Sea, Essex... £510,718.

Mrs Iris Annie Miller **Stoffell**, of Bath, Avon ..... £903,628.

Mr John Robert **Taunton**, of Odstock, Salisbury, Wiltshire..... £766,373.

Katharine Ellen **Wing**, of Sneyd Park, Avon..... £531,538.

Mrs Catherine Wray, of West Calverley, Pudsey, West Yorkshire..... £320,826.

Mrs Florence Sylvia **Hardwicke**, of Treberherwick, Wadebridge, Cornwall £357,228

Mrs Eve Norah Maud **Janson**, of Lewes, East Sussex. £516,175

Mrs Natalie **Spence**, of Halse, Northamptonshire..... £443,008

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.D. Anderson
and Miss J.M. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Anderson, of Ealing, London, and Jo, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Roberts, of Newmarket, Suffolk.

Dr P.J.J. Bates
and Miss K.P. de Wolf
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Bates, of Tunbridge Wells, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey de Wolf, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr J.J. Carter
and Mlle C. Colet
The engagement is announced between Jonathan James, younger son of Wing Commander J.V. Carter (rtd), and Mrs Carter, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Corinne, daughter of M and Mme J. Colet, of Mons, Belgium.

Mr N.J. Cave
and Miss E.C. Jolly
The engagement is announced from Topburnu, Turkey, between Nicholas John, son of Mr and Mrs B. Cave, of Berkhamsted, and Emma Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Jolly, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.D. Chalk
and Miss A.J. Archer
The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Chalk, of Torquay, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Archer, of Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

Mr P.M.W. de Gentile-Williams
and Miss J.A. Unsworth
The engagement is announced between Patric, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David de Gentile-Williams, of Chiswick, London, and Jacqueline, daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Unsworth and of Mrs Margaret Unsworth, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr H.J. de Sausmarez
and Miss G.K. Street
The engagement is announced between James, second son of Canon John and Mrs de Sausmarez, of Canterbury, and Geraldine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H.G. Street, of Chalfont St Peter.

Mr D.W. Fedrick
and Miss P.S. Cooke
The engagement is announced between David, only son of the late Mr Norman Fedrick and of Mrs Lucy Fedrick, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cooke, of Cambridge.

Mr D. Fuest
and Miss C.M. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Fuest, of Neston, Wirral, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Humphreys, of Timberscombe, Somerset.

Mr E.H. Greaves
and Dr C.E. Duncumb
The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of the late Mr W.K. Greaves and of Mrs E.M. Greaves, of Winstone, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Christine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.W. Duncumb, of Bagendon, Gloucestershire.

Mr N.C. Howard
and Miss T.M. Willy
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Howard, of Winchester, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Willy, of Wimbledon.

Mr J.L. Humerick
and Dr R.M. Wharf
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs S.M. Humerick, of Clearwater, Florida, and Rosalind, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wharf, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Dr S. Ostlere
and Dr J.E. Selwyn
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Dr and Mrs Gordon Ostlere, of Bickley, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Selwyn, of Edwalton, Nottingham.

Mr C.H.M. Oulton
and Miss C.S.E. Bryan
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of the late Harry Oulton, MC, and of Mrs Angela Oulton, of Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr Guy Bryan, of Wootton Fitzpaine, Dorset, and Mrs Anne Robertson, of Uplyme, Devon.

Mr S.H.W. Pilcher
and Miss R.M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Pilcher, of Steventon, Hampshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nevil Wilson, of Micheldever, Hampshire.

Mr S.J.J. Spencer
and Miss V. Young
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs I.J. Spencer, of Wilton, Wiltshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Young, of Dalkey, Co Dublin.

Mr A.C. Tait
and Miss A.M. Cole
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of the late Mr William Tait and of Mrs Alice Tait, of Swallowfield, Berkshire, and Angela, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerry Cole, of Iffley, Oxford.

Mr D.N.S. Woodhouse
and Miss H.E. Ferrand
The engagement is announced between David, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.D.A. Woodhouse, of Downton, Wiltshire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.W.J. Ferrand, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

OBITUARY

BRIG COLIN MAXWELL

Service to the Sultanate of Oman

Brigadier Colin Maxwell, who died on August 17 at the age of 73, devoted 36 years of his life to the Sultanate of Oman.

During those years he was Deputy Commander of The Sultan's Armed Forces from 1958 to 1978.

It was in 1952 that Maxwell, an accomplished Arabic speaker and lover of desert and mountain, was accepted into the service of the then Ruler of Muscat and Oman.

At that time, the Sultan was seeking to evict Saudi invaders from his lands at Buraimi and Maxwell's first task was to raise the Batinah Force, later renamed The Northern Frontier Regiment, in command of which he was to play a notable role in the more testing Jebel Akhdar campaign of 1957-59.

The year 1959 saw a reorganization of The Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) including the recruitment of more British on contract and, to fill the higher command and staff posts, of serving British regular officers on secondment.

As Deputy Commander – in effect the Adjuant-General – of SAF Maxwell had over two decades an immensely beneficial influence on the cohesion, loyalty and morale of the Armed Forces.

These were particularly tested when the serious and well-armed Marxist-led insurrection in the Southern Province of Dhofar was aggravated in 1970 by an outbreak of rebellion and subversion in the heartland of the sultanate.



By his knowledge of the country and its inhabitants and his fatherly care for individual servicemen, Maxwell became a most respected friend and counsellor to all.

On his retirement from active service in 1978, Maxwell became a special adviser to the Omanis, a post he held till falling ill last year.

Born in November 1914, Maxwell never saw his father, a captain in the 8th Gurkha Rifles, who was killed in action shortly after his birth. After education at Edgeborough School, at Radley and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Maxwell served for three years in the Palestine Police but returned to England on the outbreak of the Second World War.

He was commissioned into The Royal Scots Fusiliers and served throughout the North-West Europe campaign in the 6th battalion of that regiment and was mentioned in despatches.

On demobilisation Maxwell went to Somalia and Eritrea as a member of the organisation responsible for administering those former enemy territories, serving till 1952.

Well-prepared by his experiences in Palestine and Somalia, Maxwell then took up a Foreign Office suggestion to go and serve in the then Muscat and Oman.

Maj-General John Graham writes:
Like his forefathers, Colin Maxwell truly loved soldiering and that love embraced with total sincerity the country of Oman and the varied peoples who live in that majestic land. All who knew him recognised this love and returned it to a heart-warming degree.

Britain can be proud that this one of her sons, with his gentle character, innate modesty and wisdom brought so much good to Oman, where he will surely be long remembered with honour by that generous and discerning nation.

MR ROGER CLARKE

Mr Roger Clarke, who died on August 22 at the age of 85, was chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company from 1959 to 1964 during a period of great change in the tobacco trade when it was facing keen competition, government action and health reports on the dangers of smoking.

Clarke's quiet but confident leadership covered an era marked not only by industry changes but also differences in smoking tastes and habits.

From the heyday of popular brands of cigarette such as Player's Medium and Wills Woodbine, he witnessed the rapid growth of the filter cigarette after the launch of Embassy Filter in 1962.

Roger Simon Woodchurch Clarke came from a family with a long and historic association with the tobacco trade. He was a fourth generation member of William Clarke and Son Ltd of Liverpool, which had been founded in 1830 and was one of the original 13 businesses which joined Imperial Tobacco on its formation in 1901.

Clarke joined W D and H O Wills, the Bristol tobacco manufacturers, in 1922 and became a departmental and, later, an assistant factory manager. He transferred to the sales side of the business in 1930.

He was appointed a director of the Wills committee of management, in charge of sales and administration, in 1944 and joined the board of Imperial Tobacco in the same year.

Clarke became Deputy Chairman of Imperial Tobacco in 1958 and succeeded to the chairmanship the following year when Lord Sinclair relinquished the post to become president of the company.

He retired in 1964 as chairman, although he remained a director for a further four years, when tribute was paid to the distinction and dignity with which he had steered the company through changing times.

Clarke was a magistrate in Bristol and from 1975 to 1983 he was Pro-Chancellor of Bristol University.

His wife Nancy died in 1980. There were no children.

PROF CHRISTOPHER SCAIFE

Professor Christopher Henry Oldham Scaife died on August 17, aged 87, after a life spent mainly in the Middle East. He was both poet and university teacher.

At the outset of the Second World War Scaife was asked to help Freya Stark in creating an organization to assist the Allied cause, aiming principally through publicity to combat German penetration in the Middle East, known as "Brothers of Freedom".

Later he became Adviser on Arab Aspects to the Ministry of Information, Middle East. After the war he was an adviser to the Iraq Ministry of Education and in 1947 was appointed by the British Council visiting Professor of English to the American University of Beirut, transferring later to the permanent staff. He retired in 1966 as professor and chairman of the English department.

In 1934 Scaife published his first book of poems, *Towards Corinth, O Englishman*. This was followed in 1937 by *A Latter Day Athenian*. Other volumes followed at regular intervals until, in 1976, *Tones and Overtones, Selected Poems 1926-1976*, was published with an introduction by Nevill Coghill. This was followed by sets of poems for the speaking voice.

While at Oxford he was president of the Union and in 1923 won the Newdigate Prize for English Verse.

It was a debating tour abroad which first kindled Scaife's interest in Arabic culture. He began however a career on the London stage with the Anmer Hall Company, but in 1927 he threw this up to join *The Egyptian Gazette* in Alexandria, despite attempts by Tyrone Guthrie to dissuade him. He later joined the staff of Cairo University.

Scaife was loved by all who knew him. Young and old fell under his spell and continued to visit him after his retirement to a farm near Arezzo in Tuscany.

DR ERNST SIMON

Dr Ernst (Akiva) Simon, one of Israel's leading scholars, died on August 18, aged 89.

Simon worked not only for Jewish-Arab understanding but for the removal of friction between religious and secular Jews. Simon was also a builder of bridges in another sense, believing in the need for reconciliation, despite the Nazi atrocities, between young Germans and young Jews after the Second World War.

Simon was born in Berlin and received his doctorate at the University of Heidelberg in 1923. He emigrated to Palestine in 1928.

He became an assistant director of the Davil Yellin Seminary and joined the Hebrew University's School of Education in 1939, later becoming its director.

Simon became a Zionist in 1918 and co-edited *Der Jude* with the philosopher and scholar, Martin Buber, who had a profound influence on his concept of Jewish nationalism and whom he joined in his determined struggle for Arab-Jewish understanding.

Simon held strongly to the view that Jews must give the Arabs equal economic rights and accept Arab nationalism as valid, as well as acknowledge the reality of the Arab fear of Jews.

Following the rise of Nazism in Germany, Simon agreed, at the urging of Buber, to go as an emissary and help German Jews to emigrate.

After joining the Hebrew University staff in 1935 and becoming professor of philosophy and history of education, he participated in Jewish education programmes in various parts of the world.

With his broad humanistic outlook and his positive attitude to Jewish tradition, Simon followed in footsteps of Rosenzweig, the famous German-Jewish theologian.

Although his political views did not endear him to some political circles, Simon was highly regarded in Israel as a man of immense erudition and his sincerity was widely perceived.

When he received in 1967 the Israel Prize, the country's highest award, it was an acknowledgement of an outstanding as well as a brave personality.

SIR KEITH HANCOCK

GIS writes:
Your obituary of Sir Keith Hancock (Aug 16) embraced the astonishing range and quality of his academic work as a social historian – in one sense a pillar of our understanding of the nature of the Commonwealth – yet it may be appropriate to add this personal experience.

During the war years in London we met every Wednesday night as firewatchers at St Paul's Cathedral. As fellow Australians, we talked with nostalgia about the rural areas in which we had been raised and of his love for people. His memories of the kindness within them shone in those blackened nights.

His wife, Theaden, was then my colleague broadcasting from the BBC to the Pacific. Keith's interest in that and his wide range of contacts among those making social history at that time – the kernel of his planning of the civil history of the war during its progress – enriched BBC output to the world.

At rare times I was able to persuade him to broadcast. The quiet, powerful analysis, expressed with a gentleness at times misleading, linked London with the Commonwealth.

That seemingly simple smile was at times the launching pad for a devastating intellectual blast that pulverised opposition.

He was honed by the finest qualities that created the true spirit of Australia and perhaps it is fitting that he left the paddock in the 200th year of the country he so deeply loved.

Discovering Monaro (mentioned in the obituary) remains one of the most eloquent and poignant testimonies to the human qualities and plight of the aboriginal people.

PROF ARTHUR HUMPHREYS

C. A . L. writes:
The outstanding sense of fairness of Prof A.R. Humphreys (obituary of August 11), his constant effort to do his very best for the members and students of the English department at the University of Leicester, as well as for the subject and its teaching, were personal attributes which never wavered throughout the many years during which he ran the department.

He gave it a rare sense of cohesion and aim, and earned himself the greatest respect and affection from staff and students alike.

RAY EAMES

Ray Eames who, as a partner with her husband in the design firm The Office of Charles and Ray Eames, exerted a powerful influence on furniture and industrial design over the last 40 years, died on August 21 at the age of 72.

She and her husband collaborated in the design of furniture that combined mass production with a high sense of style and comfort.

Her husband died in 1978.

Dr Frederick Llewellyn Smith (obituary of August 24) is survived by his wife, Alice Mary ("Babs"), and by one son and two daughters.

M JEAN-PAUL ARON

M Jean-Paul Aron, a French writer and social philosopher, died on August 20, aged 63. He was on one of the first public figures in France to acknowledge that he was suffering from Aids.

Aron, a nephew of Raymond Aron and member of a distinguished Alsace family, went on French television last autumn to talk frankly about how it felt to be menaced by the killer disease.

Aron was best known as author of books about French nineteenth century social conventions and morals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose.
Philippians 2.12-13

BIRTHS

BULLMORE - On Thursday, August 23rd, in Oxford, to Chris and Caroline, a daughter, Gabs 11oz, a sister for Simon, Josh, Thomas and Rupert.

CROFT - On August 23rd 1988, at Basildon Hospital, to Anne' Marie (nee Livermore) and John, the gift of a son, Patrick John

DONNELLY - On August 12th 1988, at Saint Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Stuart and Anne (nee Stanton), a son, Nicholas Lawrence Joseph.

ELLIOT - On Tuesday, August 23rd 1988, to Jane, wife of The Hon Dominic Elliot, a daughter.

HIGSON On August 21st, to Elizabeth (nee Bray) and James, a son, Charles Frederick.

HYNES - On August 18th 1988, to Vivien (nee Weir) and Mark at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, a son, Robert Charles Clavell.

NICHOLLS - On August 23rd, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Gillian (nee Codling) and Peter, a son, Christopher Robert, a brother for Amanda.

PHELPS - On August 22nd, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Paula (nee Keep) and Simon, a lovely daughter, Charlotte Lucy, a sister for Laura.

SANDERS - On Thursday, August 18th, at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, to Helen (nee Spinks) and Richard, a daughter, Mackenzie Lydia Louise, a sister for Howard.

WAYMENT - On August 24th, in Sydney, to Jill, (nee Reynolds) and Ralph, a son.

WELLS - On August 22nd at Seibo Hospital Tokyo, to Rebecca (nee Freeman) and Chris, a son Thomas.

WHITE - On August 23rd at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong to Linda (nee Westhead) and Mark, a daughter, Camilla Sarah, a sister for Cecily.

MARRIAGES

CRADDOCK-LINES. On Thursday 25th August at St Pauls Church, Chipperford, Hertfordshire, John Clive Craddock to Pauline Susan Lines.

DEATHS

ALDERSON- On August 23rd, peacefully at The Pines, Appleby, Cumbria, Lilian, aged 98 years, dearly loved wife of the late Joseph Alderson (late of Borrowgate, Appleby). Service at St Lawrence Church, Appleby, on Friday August 26th, at 1pm, followed by interment in Appleby Cemetry.

BANKS - On August 23rd, at home in Taunton, after a short illness, Cyril Thomas Neal, late of Orsett, Essex. Aged 64 years. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service to be arranged, no flowers please but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

CARPENTER - On August 11th, peacefully, near Melbourne, Australia, after a short illness, Violet May, born 9th March 1902, youngest child of John Boobbyer and Emily (née Lawrence). Donations in memorium to The Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust at Les Augres Manor, Trinity, Jersey, Channel Islands.

ERSKINE - On August 20th 1988, peacefully at R.U.H. Bath, John Douglas, dearly loved husband of Barbara Catherine, greatly missed father of Jonathon, Valerie and Robert, father-in-law of Jeanine, Alan, and Jenny and loving grandfather of Oliver, Melissa, Matthew, Nick, Liam, Claire, Sarah, Alexx, Susi, and Laura. Memorial Service 10.00 am on Friday 26th August at Weston Methodist Church, Newbridge Hill, Bath. Family cut flowers only, but donations in lieu if desired to the Methodist Homes.

FERRY - On August 23rd, suddenly, Peter aged 60, beloved husband of Ana and adored father of Tim, Georgina, Stephanie, Andrew and Katherine. Funeral details from H.C. Patrick, Farnham, Surrey Tel: 0252 722348.

FRENCH - On August 23rd, in hospital after a long and difficult illness, borne with great courage, Stanley (Froggy) aged 82, loving and beloved husband of Betty. Private cremation.

JAMESON - On August 22nd 1988, in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, John, dearly loved husband of Christine, father of Barry and Stopher. Private cremation at Woking St John's Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund would be appreciated.

JASON-HENRY - On August 23rd 1988, peacefully at St Stephens Hospital, Chelsea, Guy. Sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on August 31st 1988 at 2.30pm.

KNOWLES - On August 22nd, 1988 Robert William Edmund Knowles, F.R.C.S. Much loved husband of Heather and devoted father of Catherine, Suzannah, James and Victoria. Funeral Service on August 31st at 2.45pm at St. James' Parish Church, Grimsby. Family flowers only please to Kettle Ltd, Granville Street, Grimsby. Donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Mrs J. Aspinwall, The Mill House, Hatcliffe, Grimsby, South Humberside.

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MARGERISON - On August 22nd, suddenly at home in London, aged 70, Neil Diarmid, dear and loving husband of Olive. Private Funeral, Friday August 26th. Donations if wished to British Heart Foundation.

MAXWELL - On August 22nd, in her 89th year, Violet Nancie, (née Lyne) loving wife of Maxwell Hilsop Maxwell of Sark and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation, Guernsey, 30th August at 12 noon. Funeral, Sark, 31st August at 1.pm. No flowers or letters please at her request.

ROBB - On August 23rd, at St Leonards Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk. Peacefully after a short illness, Marjorie, much loved wife of the late Gerald Robb, mother of Janet, grandmother of Edward, Emma, Oliver, Laurence, Victoria, Shaun and Adam. Funeral Service at St Gregorys Church, Sudbury on Thursday 1st September at 11.00 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but please send donations to West Suffolk Scanner Appeal, West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds.

SPARROW - On August 22nd 1988, peacefully at Orpington Hospital, Judge John Walter Gerald Sparrow, author, of Brighton and Thailand. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Hove on Thursday September 1st at 1.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to SE Skinner & Sons, 145 Lewes Rd, Brighton. Tel: 0273 607445.

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STUTTAFORD - On August 24th, in St Leonards, Cyril, beloved husband of the late Avril, father of John and the late David and a dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium on Tuesday August 30th at 11am. No flowers please, donations in lieu for Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, maybe sent to A.C. Towner Ltd. 2-4 Norman Road, St. Leonards on Sea, East Sussex.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Man of his times

The comforting absurdities of our traditional academic institutions are such that it is probable that even those big brains in small-minded 1950s Cambridge who sent down Mark Boxer for blasphemy, would not have thought that his transgression against the Lord, as an enterprising student magazine editor, would be a serious impediment to his ascending later to an Anglican heaven.

The dictatorial tones of some current religious voices are such that when, last night, BBC2 repeated Boxer's humorous, self-reflective, 1972 film, *Half Way Mark*, in honour of a man so cruelly prevented from completing the second half of his life, his flip reference to those who so absurdly charged humour with blasphemy seemed, alas, curiously dated.

Boxer himself was too delightfully human not to be now where spirits still joyously sparkle: perhaps enjoying a Marc cartoon about the travails of Martin Scorsese, if not, like in one of his recurrent dreams, floating over the talking heads at a cocktail party. But there was one poignant moment in the film, when the wit and urbane poise of a man so assured in society as to be able both to mock and enjoy its foibles, held back and let in death to the conversation. Walking on the Cambridge backs, he suddenly revealed quietly that his father had died the day before – then repeated a joke made to his father about not going to university.

Most of the film, though, was dominated by the easy vitality of Boxer. He looked almost arrogantly young for a man in his forties, effortlessly elegant even though dressed in the precarious fashion of the day. Those around him, including the interviewer, the late Francis Hope, sported burgeoning side-burns or pudding-bowl fringes, insipidly bold floral shirts and flared trousers.

The politics were also dated. And, even for a self-confessed left-wing "dandy" and "socialite", Boxer's persistent use of "one" to describe himself seemed to jar. Though, of course, as befitting a satirist who then provided the "graffiti" for *The Times*, Boxer was never so solemnly meek as to "know" his place or so presumptuous as to pretend to know what jokes against Himself his God could not take.

Andrew Hislop

David Robinson on the highly-charged first film as director by an Oscar-winning cinematographer

Through a child's eyes

CINEMA

A World Apart (PG)
Curzon West End

Death of a Salesman (PG)
Camden Plaza

Big Business (PG)
Odeon Leicester Square

Rambo III (18)
Leicester Square Theatre,
Odeon Marble Arch

And God Created Woman (18)
Cannon Piccadilly



Watchful and wary: Jodhi May, as Molly, struggles to make sense of what is happening to family and friends

Not surprisingly, A World Apart shares with Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom* the distinction of being banned in South Africa: a tribute to the effectiveness and sincerity of both works. Chris Menges's film looks at that country's tragedy from the special viewpoint of a bright 13-year-old, the daughter of white activist supporters of the ANC. Molly's struggles to comprehend the awful things that are happening to her and to the people she loves, serve to invest the happenings with a special and immediate poignancy.

The story is set in 1963, at the moment when the ANC, after half a century of existence, was banned and Nelson Mandela and his colleagues sentenced to life imprisonment. A journalist, Gus Roth (Jeroem Krabbé), disappears into hiding. Soon afterwards his wife Diana (Barbara Hershey) is arrested under the Ninety Day Detention Act leaving their bewildered children in the care of their grandmother. Ostracized at school, Molly sees the humiliation of her black friends.

Sick and fearful of cracking under interrogation and psychological torture, Diana attempts suicide and is eventually released. All Molly's frustrations and fears and loneliness burst out when she confronts her mother with accusations that her commitment to the great cause has robbed her children of their rightful love (the Afrikaaner interrogator, played by David Suchet, has already taunted her, "You are a terrible mother").

Shawn Slovo's script gains great force – regardless of occasional clumsiness in structure and dialogue – from being her own story. She was six at the time (the age of Molly's younger sisters): her father, Joe Slovo, is a lawyer and ANC activist; her mother, the journalist Ruth First, was murdered with a parcel bomb in 1982.

A World Apart marks Chris Menges's début as feature director. Along with its deep and uncompromised commitment, the assurance and equilibrium are remarkable in a first film, shot under demanding location conditions (in Zimbabwe). An Oscar-winning cinematographer in his own right, Menges worked here with the cameraman Peter Biziou, whose luminous images, far from "aestheticizing" the film, emphasize the tragic beauty of the world that men choose to mess up.

In Cannes, where the film took the Grand Jury Prize, the Best Actress prize was shared, exceptionally, by three of the players. The film mostly focuses on 13-year-old Jodhi May as a wonderfully watchful and self-contained Molly. Barbara Hershey, with a flawless Afrikaans accent, is Diana, courageous even though blind to her daughter's needs. Linda Mvusi, who plays the Roths' black maid, is in fact a South African architect.

The CBS-financed production of **Death of a Salesman** is a museum piece. Presented on Broadway prior to being filmed as a television spectacular, it was overseen by Arthur Miller himself and recreated the stage devices employed in the original 1949 production, to represent the memories that haunt Willie Sloman in the anguished last 24 hours of his life.

Director Volker Schlöndorff has preserved the period quality intact. The great attraction of the film, though, is the *tour de force* ensemble playing. In the role of Willie, Dustin Hoffman's technique is often too much on display and his mannerisms over-familiar; but John Malkovich's Biff, Kate Reid's Linda and Charles Durning's Charley, are performances of the highest calibre.

The London audiences of 1594 no doubt looked down their noses at Shakespeare's nerve in resuscitating comic corn like the gag about the twins in *The Comedy of Errors*. But old jokes never die, and the same one turns up again in Dori Pierson and Marc Rubel's screenplay for **Big Business**.

From the first gag about a confusion between the urine samples and the afternoon lemon tea, the competence of the hospital in rustic Jupiter Hollow is in doubt. Sure enough, in no time at all they have muddled two pairs of girl twins – one set the offspring of a rich industrialist, the others of local hillbillies.

Years later, these harlequin twin-sets have grown up: one pair to rule an industrial empire; the others as activists fighting their unknown sisters' plans to strip the assets of the local industry.

Bette Midler is at her most winningly outrageous characterizing the two sisters brought up in different circumstances but both impelled by unquenchable ambition to be like Joan Collins in *Dynasty*. Lily Tomlin has more problems distinguishing the nicer, homespun sisters. This reckless farce, for weaker moments, was directed by Jim Abrahams.

Rambo III has not enjoyed the same box office success as its predecessors; and indeed can hardly yet have netted enough to cover the star's reputed $20 million fee. Perhaps the politics are too complex (or too silly) for regular Stallone fans. John Rambo is pulled out of his retirement in a Buddhist monastery in Thailand, to rescue his old Green Beret colonel, who has infiltrated Afghanistan on an innocent mission to supply Stinger missiles to the Mujahidin.

Single-handed, the all-American hero fights off the dastardly Commie Russians: fiendish, sneering, sadistic torturers to a man. History has somehow passed Rambo by. Stallone himself increasingly looks and acts like something chiselled out of Mount Rushmore.

Thirty years on, Roger Vadim re-uses the title of his first film and worldwide success **And God Created Woman**. The new film has little in common with the first. Rebecca DeMornay, who is rather like a young but intense Shirley MacLaine, plays a prisoner who gets parole by marrying a willing stranger (Vincent Spano). Outside, she finds the road to happiness through song, blackmail and love unexpectedly discovered in the marriage of convenience. The performers are good but the script is not.

PROMENADE CONCERT

Orgy of control

NYPO/Mehta
Albert Hall/Radio 3

This was the performance of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* for which one had dared to hope. The New York Philharmonic was at its characterful best: not sensuous, not even very subtle, but steaming through this beast of a score with matchless verve, a brilliant explosive quality, and the sharpest rhythms in the business.

The impact was heightened because Zubin Mehta, whose instincts usually veer towards more explicit emotionalism, kept the lid tightly on the slow build-ups, letting the tension grow. And, even in the full flood of cross-rhythms and battering fortissimos, he never allowed orchestral cohesion to slip for a single semiquaver. It was a masterly demonstration of the control which, paradoxically, best releases the feeling of anarchic orgy that should dominate *The Rite*.

The NYPO's glory is its trumpets and trombones: their timbre has a diamond hardness; they triple-tongue like a chain-saw with a grudge. Does percussion playing of such disciplined venom flourish anywhere outside Manhattan?

Set against this, the rather dark-voiced horns and unremarkable woodwinds seem too mundane a bunch; but the strings showed their paces in the encore from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Earlier, Murray Perahia had been the soloist in a delightful performance of Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto, full of inspired relaxations as well as pungent passagework.

There was nothing overly grandiose here, especially in the dance-like, jubilant finale: simply a magical relish of almost improvizational variations in touch and dynamics. Mehta's accompaniment was a model of alertness.

Luckily these magnificent performances almost erased all memory of the concert's first item, *Symbolon*, a truly dreary 15 minutes from Pulitzer Prize winner Ellen Taaffe Zwilich.

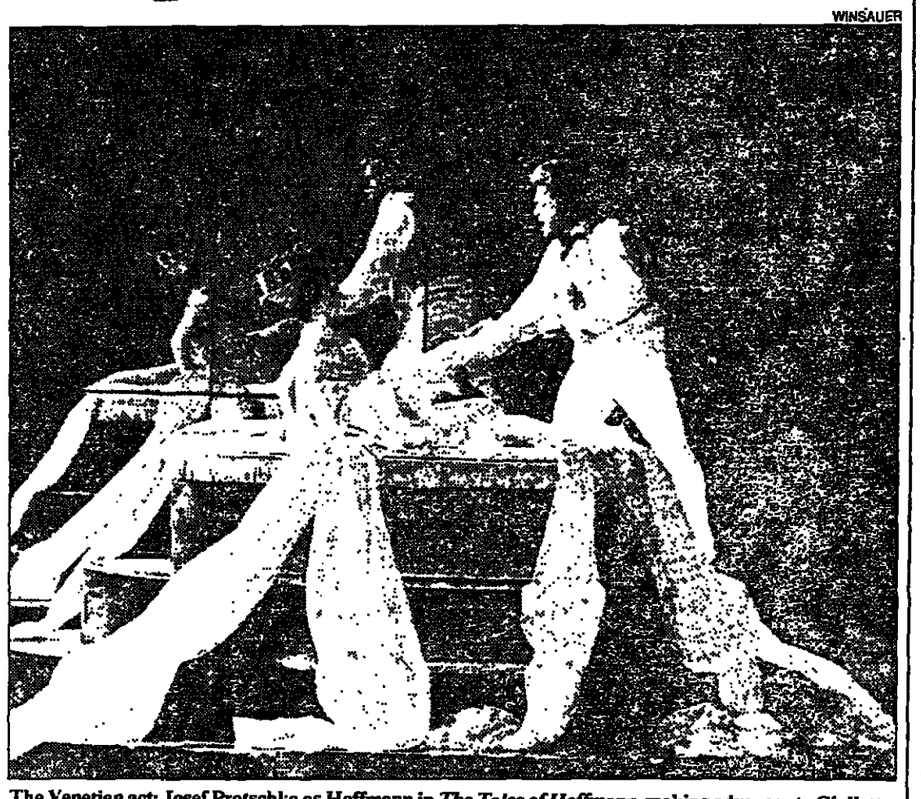
Turgid melodies of instant forgettability set against witless, chugging rhythms; irritatingly prolonged semitonal ostinatos mingled with solos which had all the charisma of warm-up exercises: it is almost beyond belief that the New Yorkers chose to premiere this earnest drivel on their historic visit to Leningrad last spring.

Richard Morrison

Hilary Finch on opera productions in a waterside setting at the Bregenz Festival in Austria

Over the top and into the lake

WINSAUER



The Venetian act: Josef Protschka as Hoffmann in *The Tales of Hoffmann*, making advances to Giulietta

Every evening at about 7pm all eyes in Bregenz are upturned to watch the direction of the heavy clouds rolling over the Pfänder mountain and all noses nervously atwitch to scent the direction of the wind. Every day it happens; every day the organizers have until 8pm to decide whether or not to go ahead with the performance on the huge floating lake-stage. At 8.30 the green lights start to twinkle: *The Tales of Hoffmann* will be told once again.

Jérôme Savary's production is in its second year, having survived perilously high water levels, winds which almost blew Hoffmann's Muse over the border into Switzerland, and the vagaries of 240 light circuits and 23 fog machines. So wide is the stage, so many its levels, so relentless its activity, that it is almost best seen from the Pfänder cable car. But a ticket for the back stalls, complete with thick blanket, will purchase a night of spectacle which this year was substantiated by considerable musical rewards.

This is a *Hoffmann* in which naked ladies dive nonchalantly into the lake; in which a ballet of the blind dance in front of rows of huge plastic eyes at Dr Coppélius's house. Olympia has three Amazons as ladies-in-waiting: five-metre high candy-coloured dolls roll on as the ultimate kitsch celebration of the *ewig Weiblichkeit*, only to be joined by a seven-metre high lurid pink model of Olympia herself.

As if it were not enough to hire four real gondolas, complete with homesick gondoliers, to glide round the stage during the Venetian act, there is a grand *barcarolle* reprise to a fireworks display which would have stretched the skills of a Dr Miracle himself.

The orgy of activity which shamelessly distracts from the matter in hand in all but the Antonia scene is the production's entire *raison d'être* and one might as well give in to its virtuoso technological enchantment, especially when the balance between the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Michel Le Bois, the chorus, and each soloist is, thanks to a multidirectional sound system, near perfect.

This year, though, Hoffmann himself was a creature of real flesh and blood. The Bregenz Festival had got hold of Josef Protschka, in Europe a much sought after Tamino and Lensky, but in England still known only on disc. His tenor, resilient, lyrical and of exciting musical intelligence, frequently stopped the audience in their tracks every bit as much as the production itself. Barbara Hahn's Nicklaus, too, was bold and spirited, and Jürgen Freier, four villains in one, became an increasingly compelling vocal as well as physical presence.

With only a day's rest in between, Protschka offered a Schumann *Liederabend* in Bregenz's Theater am Kornmarkt which all but upstaged events in nearby Hohenems at the *Schubertiade* recently. The voice itself, robust and full-bodied, is easier to listen to than Peter Schreier's: the artistry, each word inflected with minutely imaginative sensitivity and with the hand shadowing its spare, sympathetic gesture, is of similarly intense cultivation. I have heard few performances of such consistent and coherent insight: if London does not hear Protschka soon, its musical life will be the poorer.

Bregenz itself is focusing very much on England at the moment: next year David Pountney will be responsible for a *Flying Dutchman* on the lake-stage, and this year Steven Pimlott's new production of *Samson et Dalila* opened in the main indoor Festspielhaus.

Its success was clearly due to the vibrant simplicity of Tom Cairns's design (think of his *Trojans*, think of *Billy Budd*) and a single good idea from Pimlott himself. That idea was to enslave the Hassidic Hebrews between the leaning grey walls of a concentration camp: the swaying bodies, the long processions in this house of the dead, the mass of their groupings, the violence of their harassment by both truncheon and, later, by the seduction of Dalila's maidens, was most powerfully achieved.

The audience clearly took it to their hearts, and so much so that, despite Pimlott's inability to reconcile the demands of social conscience with those of Saint-Saëns's Hollywood epic of an opera, the production will be revived next year.

It proved, inevitably, impossible to carry through his theme. The second act, saw the confrontation of Samson and Dalila for what it was, no more no less, though Samson's *faiblesse* was evident, alas, long before his haircut, due to the obvious and increasing indisposition of Carlo Cossutta. Marjana Lipovšek's Dalila considerately reduced the dynamic, if not the emotional, charge of her performance, filling a single "hélas" with all the resinous intensity of timbre she could muster.

By act three, though, we were left with pure designer-opera: more glowing Cairns doorways, a striking *trompe-l'oeil* perspective for a temple of Dagon peopled by rows of scarlet-clad dancing decadents, mouths moist with whipped cream, the air aflutter with long red evening gloves. The ashes of the Hebrews were present in an obligatory little pile, stuck with multicoloured pen quills. It was visually stunning, dramatically incoherent, and, thanks to the grippingly idiomatic High Priest of Alain Fondary and the luxuriantly Gallic baton of Sylvain Cambreling, musically compelling.

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THEATRE

Bussy D'Ambois
Old Vic

When a work as long abandoned as George Chapman's once popular tragedy returns to the stage, you assume the director has found some urgent reason for reviving it. Jonathan Miller does not declare his reasons, but it is easy to make *Bussy D'Ambois* sound a highly topical piece.

Based on the life of a hell-raising French courtier in the reign of Henri III, it presents him as a proudly independent man of honour, lured by the king's brother (Monsieur) from provincial penury into court life at a time when the centralized modern state was coming into existence.

Bussy, who cuts a dashing figure among the denatured sycophants and petty officials, springs up as "fortune's proud young mushroom", basking in the king's favour, until he announces his plans for reforming courtly corruption: at which point, Monsieur (his patron) and the Duke of Guise (his frustrated enemy) join forces to destroy him. They do so with gunfire at the moment of his victory in a sword duel. Thus does the mechanism of the State assert its indifference to human valour. The mechanism has been grinding on ever since.

That is a highly selective summary of the piece. Among the details I have omitted are Bussy's slaughter of three sniggering courtiers on his day of arrival, and his seduction of the Countess Tamyra who undergoes a nasty torture session on his behalf.

There are all kinds of ways of looking at him: as a courtly lover adrift in a Renaissance time warp; as a moral idiot, to whom bloodletting, adultery, and civic reform are all the same thing; as an image of the natural man in an environment of malign artifice. Or as the spirit of rebellious independence in a time of political absolutism.

What we get from David Threlfall's performance is Bussy as a Jacobean D.H. Lawrence: a figure of uncouth integrity, confronting court smoothies with surly intelligence, and doing his stuff for the king (an agitatedly indecisive John Franklyn-Robbins) with exaggerated irony. Played like this, Bussy emerges less a hero and "complete man" than a menace to everyone who crosses his path.

Hugh Ross's Monsieur, suavely masked and asserting rank with the most delicate shades of patronage, does most to bring Chapman's knotty and congested lines into theatrical life: above all at the one moment when his control snaps with the shriek, "He is nobly born", when Bussy arrogantly claims equality with Guise. Sara Kestelman (as Tamyra) also makes the language ring like steel on steel, once her ordeal begins.

DONALD COOPER



Torture time for Tamyra: with Sara Kestelman, Lorcan Cranitch

This is not until the second half of the play. Bussy's rise is conducted in an atmosphere of uneventful civilities (all violence reported by messenger), while his downfall gets the full charnel-house treatment. It seems that Jonathan Miller has taken this as a cue to performance style and warned his company against bombast.

Thus, verse that rumbles and roars even on the page, clearly demanding all the resources of heroic delivery, is mainly delivered by thin voices making no use of sustained tone, and putting more emphasis on Chapman's moral lectures than on dramatic rapport.

Likewise, Richard Hudson's set, a monumental assembly of blank windows and empty doorways, still inscribed with architectural calculations as if straight off the drawing board, disseminates a pervasive chill. It may be meant to represent the inhumanity of state power; but it rather suggests the first open day at a developer's show palace.

Irving Wardle

CONCERT

Skilful insight

Robert Tear/ Mitsuko Uchida
Queen Elizabeth Hall

One of the great links between Britten and Schubert was the exquisite skill of the first composer in interpreting the music of the second. Once heard, never forgotten; and rarely since I listened to Britten, accompanying Pears in a recital of Schubert's songs, have I heard playing of such mercurial and instinctive understanding as that shown by Mitsuko Uchida at Tuesday's Summerscope concert.

It is extremely difficult to put a finger on what that particular quality is. But the spontaneous feeling for the pulse of the note in meeting the word, and the elusive changes of mood within her playing, quite upstaged the singing of Robert Tear in a group of Schubert's Goethe songs.

I am sure that is the last thing Uchida would have wanted; and it is not to imply that she was not attuned equally finely to Tear's own performance. But, where the fingers seized on the glut of impatient notes in the rapture of "Versunken", Tear's voice sounded a little flustered, even a little flagging.

And where he tensed up in an effort to sustain an already admirable intensity of legato for the meditation of the Harper's Song, Uchida had already found the song's still centre.

They were, perhaps, more evenly matched in imaginative response in Britten's own "Winter Words". Tear seemed to enjoy the pull between Thomas Hardy's rough-hewn rustic wisdom and Britten's more rarefied transformation of it. He gave the choir master at his burial a fine send-off, and found a light poignancy for "At the Railway Station" which was almost the equal of Uchida's wonderfully *haiku*-like eloquence in each line.

Their recital was framed by the Endellion Quartet's performance of Schubert's Quartettsatz, – a little too sketchy, too lightweight – and by their more deeply assimilated, powerful reading of Britten's Second String Quartet.

H.P.

BOOKS

Rectors and rice pud

Victoria Glendinning reads A. N. Wilson's sharp and amusing story of boyhood and adolescence

INCLINE OUR HEARTS
By A.N. Wilson
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95

Not *another* new book by A.N. Wilson? It is only a few weeks since the publication of his substantial – and good – life of Tolstoy, for which he took the trouble to learn Russian. Before that there was a collection of his journalism; and last year a novel, and beyond that I lose track, but there are now about 17 books altogether, several of them prizewinners, all written within 11 years.

Compared with somebody like Barbara Cartland, of course, he is a slouch. There are other ways in which he is unlike Barbara Cartland. His sentences are longer, and he gets reviewed at length on pages such as this one. This is because he is a clever man and a brilliant writer; but he is also a maddening one. Trying to come to grips with him is like catching spray from a garden hose.

It sounds from the title as if the new outfall might be a meditation on religious belief, like *How Can We Know?* But *Incline Our Hearts* is a novel, and it is about disbelief. Julian Ramsay, the middle-aged narrator, is telling the story of his childhood and adolescence.

A war-orphan, he is brought up in the late 1940s austerity of a freezing Norfolk rectory by tweedy, bluff Aunt Deirdre, the provider of grey cottage pie and "good old rice pud", and Uncle Roy, the dotty rector, whose religious fervour is directed less towards God than towards the Lampitts, the "interesting" and fairly grand family who own the big house in the village. Uncle Roy is a Lampitt fanatic, buttonholing everybody from Julian's teachers to station porters with anecdotes about the amazing Lampitts.

All the Norfolk part is sharp and funny, but this narrator talks with many voices. Much of his story is about life in the "English Gulag" – prep school and public school. While emphasizing the dreariness of the system and the un-funniness of schoolboy humour, he gives us a heavy dose of both. The narrator, or author, is infatuated with the objects of his derision.


GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Julian's schoolmasters are portrayed exaggeratedly as "characters", which is how the boys see them; this artificial simplication is also, as the narrator says elsewhere, the only way you can make people seem real in books, even though no one in life is ever so sharply defined, particularly not to himself. The novel is full of tricks. It exploits all the ruses which the narrator is exposing as artificial. Wilson the critic molests Wilson the novelist.

Telling his story gives the narrator, or the author, an opportunity for epigrammatic statements about snobbery, lust, love, religion, punishment, fiction, truth, memory, and "the almost universal tendency to rewrite and readjust the past". Any attempt at honest reconstruction of one's own past is "doomed to failure". The narrator is, therefore, not telling the truth. England, in any case, is "the country where nobody means anything they say to one another".

Attempts to reconstruct someone else's past are even worse. A biographer seems to be, by the way, an essential character in the modern literary novel, like a bishop in Trollope. Wilson the novelist flagellates Wilson the biographer: "Of all liars the most arrogant are biographers", who imagine they can play the recording angel "and tell the whole truth about another human life".

No biographer thinks that, as Wilson knows. But a biographer is the devil, or dark angel, in the theology of this novel. His name is Raphael Hunter, and he soars to fame by writing a sensational three-volume life of a member of the sacred Lampitt family – a forgotten *belle-lettriste* who sounds, from the invented quotations, exactly like Lytton Strachey. (If anyone is tempted to make any further identifications of the originals of Wilson's characters it is entirely his own business. Fiction, like biography, is all lies).

The ambitious and unscrupulous Hunter gets hold of the unsorted Lampitt papers and writes up his susbject as a rampant homosexual, ruining the lives of Uncle Roy and all surviving Lampitts. Perhaps Hunter made it all up. "One accomplishes nothing so stylishly as the thing in which one has no belief."

The narrator has a personal nexus with Hunter, who appears to be bisexual. It starts at prep school when he sees Hunter kissing the art mistress, whom the boy adores from afar. As a young adult, he discovers that any woman with whom he becomes involved has been involved, painfully, with Hunter before.

How did the biographer find the time for all those afternoons of "zipping and unzipping", what with writing his huge tomes and all the committee work he does? There are too many connections with Hunter in his life, thinks the narrator, for it to be coincidence. Is Hunter a magician, an "occult masters", pulling all the strings?

If this sounds rather like Iris Murdoch, it is. There are also lots of references to Proust, whom the narrator says he has never read, though he obviously has. (Lying again). Maybe Wilson is planning his own retrieval of *Time Lost*, or his own *Dance to the Music of Time*. No sequel is announced, but we are told that the wicked biographer's "exact role in the drama" has yet to be disclosed. There are half a dozen similar pointers, so portentous as to be ironic – another literary device being mocked as it is being exploited. Maybe there will be no sequel to *Incline Our Hearts*. That would be quite a good joke.

The narrator's earliest memories are of screaming and crying in bed at night, terrified of being left alone. "I can remember the awful jerks in my voice as I cried out, increasingly incoherently, "Stay with me, stay with me!" Is that what all authors are saying?

I'll stay with Wilson indefinitely, though I'm exhausted by trying to catch the spray and would be grateful for his simple truth or, failing that, some simpler lies.

A look inside Stalin's mind

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

CHILDREN OF THE ARBAT
By Anatoli Rybakov
Hutchinson, £12.95

WORLD'S END
By T. Coraghessan Boyle
Macmillan, £12.95

THE TWO DEATHS OF SENORA PUCCINI
By Stephen Dobyns
Viking, £11.95

Children of the Arbat are young people who live in a Moscow block of flats, where the intelligentsia congregates. Stalin is beginning his purge of that subclass. He believes that historical science has chosen him to be the successor to Lenin and the sole Leader of Russia. He is the only one to understand supreme power and know how to use it. In remarkable analyses of Stalin's mind, Anatoli Rybakov ascribes to him statements that Machiavelli would not have dared to give to the Prince. "Friends are never equals. . . Jews never understand the idea of a leader. . . Magnanimity towards a conquered enemy is dangerous. . . Death solves all problems. No man, no problem."

This is the fascination of this novel of its time. Russia under Gorbachov has allowed the book to be printed, openly critical of the leadership cult and ruthlessness of Stalin. Like the author, the young hero is exiled to Siberia, although he is a good Communist. It is the beginning of the purges of the 1930s, when paranoia became institutional, and the conspiracy theory of history was the fact of the Gulag.

Tens of millions died because of the fear and theory of supreme power of one autocrat, as relentless and savage as his contemporary, Hitler, who did not even achieve numerically the mass murders that Stalin did. Rybakov has written an illuminating period piece, although his simplistic prose and conventional characterization do not put it in the class of *Doctor Zhivago*, as his publisher claims. The book, however, is a monumental work that all should read who wish to learn how absolute power persecutes absolutely.

If *Children of the Arbat* still deals with the dialectic of history, **World's End** deals with the dialectic of biology. Over 12 generations, two Dutch-American families and one Indian family work out their relationships as *patroon* tenant farmer and barbarian through adultery, miscegenation, rape, assault and a murder or two. T. Coraghessan Boyle ingeniously plots across the centuries so that the last of the Kittiwanks, who have lost their Hudson Valley lands to the immigrant Dutch, becomes the father of the last of the *patroons*. Sexual revenge is sweet, heredity is meaningless, sons of whatever descent are the future. In rich and sensuous prose, studded like a mace with knobs of black humour, Boyle invokes the colonial past, the anti-Red crusade in post-war America, and the decade of flower-power 20 years later.

Not since Thomas Pynchon has any fresh American writer so cunningly lit the fuses of history so that they detonate in time recently present. Each of the three periods in each of three families is crosscut as expertly as marquetry, leaving patterns of trait and cause, circumstance and instinct that entrance the inward eye. Most effective is the mixed aggression and final cowardice of the Van Brunts, doomed by a genetic flaw to bluster and finally betray themselves. *World's End* is a book to treasure and savour. It will never leave my shelves, because I have only begun to scrape at its riches.

"Even if he wants to know," the narrator says in **The Two Deaths of Senora Puccini** "is he in fact capable of knowing?" By the end of a dinner with Dr Pacheco on a night of revolution in a South American city, his three old friends and guests know too much and also nothing of his story of sexual obsession with his housekeeper, Antonia Puccini, whose fiancé has lain paralysed in an attic for 20 years. Pacheco himself is a Don Juan; he has seduced a thousand women, including the wives of his guests, but he cannot assuage his desire for Antonia, whom he bullies and blackmails and wants and fails to possess. A gargantuan feast is eaten: its blind cook is shot: an old white horse is killed outside: the house fills with wounded soldiers and vicious army officers: in the end, they kill Pacheco and Antonia, who has provoked them with a pistol.

No more powerful and remorseless examination of passion and frustration has been written for many years. All the South American men are crippled by the urge for women and inability to manage even an affair. The novel is also an analysis of memory as lie and justification, of the destruction of the present by the revelation of the past. Stephen Dobyn, whose wife is Chilean, has written a wounding book of concentration on male behaviour down South that ranks beside the recent work of Lhosa, Puig and Marquez. His novel haunts and compels.

Blurred artistic vision

Tom Lubbock

THE WORLD THROUGH BLUNTED SIGHT
By Patrick Trevor-Roper
Viking, £16.95

There is a shocking description on page 95 of Monet labouring under a double cataract. "He was reduced to labelling his tubes of paint, and keeping a strict order on his palate, and to avoiding bright sunlight." He saw everything through a brownish filter: "What I painted was more and more dark, more like an 'old picture'. When I compared it to my former works, I would be seized by a frantic rage, and slash all my canvases with my penknife."

Unquestionably, a double cataract must make a difference to a painter, which neither method nor memory can wholly make up. But one might rather ribaldly remark that the distinguished opthalmologist tends to classify all artists according to eye-complaint. There is certainly a lot in this book besides the eyesight of painters: a wealth of ocular lore and curiosities, including a translation of a very visual passage of Shelley into non-visual imagery for the use of the blind ("the orange light of widening morn" becomes "the flood of warm ethereal fluid"). But the arguments about painting are the most striking and dodgy.

Monet himself appears again, as a practitioner of the "Art of the Myope". The fact, or at least the probability, that the leading Impressionists were short-sighted, Professor Trevor-Roper connects with the blurriness of their images. They could see a brush-stroke clearly enough, but the detail of a distant motif was beyond them. And when he was offered a pair of spectacles, Monet is supposed to have answered, "Bon Dieu, je vois comme Bougeureau" (a despised realist) and handed them back; though that story, surely, is an apocryphal joke.

And this all leads Trevor-Roper to "wonder how different the world of art might have been if these famous artists had been forced to wear glasses constantly".

One answer, if these ideas are right, is, of course, they might not have become famous artists at all, if they had all seen like Bougeureau. But then, the question reverts from medicine to art history: what were the conditions which, in the last century, afforded the myope an artistic career, formerly denied him? But the author won't get into such matters, because he is so disarmingly modest about the scope of his expert knowledge.

He fears, perhaps, that this kind of approach, too rigorously pursued, has a rather disreputable pedigree: the easy recourse to pathology of *fin de siècle* philistinism. He rejects as "irresponsible" the diagnosis by earlier eye doctors of astigmatism in El Greco's elongated forms. Apart from anything else, if El Greco saw normal forms as elongated, then to replicate this elongation to himself he would have to paint normal pictures. All the same, the book has fun "correcting" El Greco's distortions, and Holbein's and Cranach's, with astygmatic lenses in a series of before and after illustrations.

Trevor-Roper is more of a *raconteur* than a reasoner, keen to rush on to his next phenomenon, whether it is Dürer's squint, or a huge bird-shaped "floater" which appeared in the eye of the aged Munch and subsequently in some of his late pictures. It would be hard to finish this book without some addition to your own conversation.

Vulgar verse for scholars

Erich Segal

PRIAPEA: POEMS FOR A PHALLIC GOD
Edited and translated by W.H. Parker
Routledge, £25

This is the book your Latin masters wouldn't let you read. Certainly not in sixth form, and probably not even in Greats. The *Carmina Priapea* is a curious anthology of 80 obscene poems in various meters dating back to the first century AD. They all celebrate the rough-hewn wooden statue with the grossly outsized phallus that Romans placed in fields and at crossroads to ward off the evil eye.

Virtually ever major Latin author composed one or two poems in this idiosyncratic genre, for which – as for all things Latin (save satire) – there is Greek precedent. Aristotle traces the origins of Aristophanes's bawdry to "the leaders of the phallic procession". The Romans were as *jocular but, if anything, more* obscene. It is clear from this collection that Priapus the god became ruder and lewder with the years.

As W. H. Parker, the editor and translator of this delightful and scholarly volume remarks, though the subject of the *Carmina* never varies, "it is the poet's supreme achievement that they are all, nevertheless, different". Parker refers to a single author merely for convenience, for many of the manuscripts state the collection is more likely to contain the work of several hands. Some experts have ascribed various poems to Catullus, Tibullus, Petronius, and especially Martial, all of whom wrote *priapea* of their own which are extant.

But the original ancient attribution is startling. For centuries scholars argued that all the poems were the work of Virgil. He who sang *arma virumque* was also deemed to have sung *membrum virile*. Indeed, in the *editio princeps* of Virgil (1469) the *Carmina Priapea* are given pride of place with the *Aeneid*.

Only did later Renaissance editors – with uncharacteristic prudery – reject Virgilian authorship as unworthy.

They may well have been correct in asserting that the *Priapea* reflect the wit of Ovid and the aggression of Martial, but it is still true that three priapic poems can be found in the *Appendix Virgiliana*.

Parker's edition is important for many reasons. He has done excellent work on the Latin text, included generous explanatory notes, and most of all, supplied an unblushing translation – only the third Englishing of these verses. Sir Richard Burton publishes a version, but even pseudonymously he was too inhibited to be bluntly accurate.

These poems might also provide material to those schoolmasters seeking to augment the dwindling number of Latin students, by offering the prospect of reading so spicy a text. For the *Carmina* are composed in excellent Latin, are replete with mythological references, and are metrically splendid.

Granted, the vocabulary is a bit daring. Even the august *Oxford Latin Dictionary* offers little enlightenment on, for example, the verb *irrumare* ("the action of an *irrumator*"). But today's teenagers would find it all pretty mild, though Mrs Whitehouse might perhaps object.

Byron once lamented that he had been put off Horace for life because the study of that sophisticated poet was foisted on him at too early an age. But, since *tempora mutantur*, curricula should keep pace. Students who begin with these naughty poems might proceed to Catullus, who, in turn, would prepare them for Horace (perhaps beginning with the priapean *Satire* 1.8).

Youth would not be inspired to depravity – the telly already does that. On the contrary, they might learn that an author's life is not synonymous with his art. As Ovid expressed it: *vita verecunda est, Musa iocosa mea* – in Robert Herrick's paraphrase: "Jocund his Muse was, but his life was chaste."



The Truth About Dogs, by Volker Kriegel, translated and introduced by Julian Barnes (Bloomsbury, £4.95), does to dogs what they do to pavements.

NEW BOOKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Citizen Cohn, by Nicholas Van Hofman (Harrap, £12.95). Blog of Roy Cohn, lawyer and power broker, who rivalled Hoover in the venality stakes. His death from Aids provoked the comment: "It couldn't happen to a nicer guy".

The Tongue Set Free, by Elias Canetti (Deutsch, £12.95). First volume of autobiography of the winner of 1981 Nobel for Literature.

The Gardens of William and Mary, by David Jacques and Arend Jan van der Horst (Christopher Helm, £15.95). Our most Dutch of formal gardens is Westbury Court, recently restored by the National Trust.

Eminent Victorians, by Lytton Strachey (Bloomsbury, £14.95). New edition, heavily illustrated with foreword by Frances Partridge. Cardinal Manning, Florence Nightingale, Dr Arnold, and General Gordon are given a limp-wristed scourging.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm, £4-£15.

☆ **BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON:** Dorothy L. Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Petherbridge and Emily Richard as the newly married Lord and Lady Peter Wimsey. Last week.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 2.30pm, £5-£10.

★ **CAPTAIN CARVALLO:** Angela Thorne and Neil Stacy in revival of Denis Carman's witty comedy to do with changed identities in the aftermath of war.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich (BR — 15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, £4.50-£10.

☆ **THE FANCY MAN:** A new Mike Stott play: so-so comedy about marital upsets in 1923 Lancashire.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Mat Sat £6.50, Sat £7.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Judi Dench's exquisite production for Renaissance: Samantha Bond and Kenneth Branagh head a marvellous cast.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Opens tonight 7pm. Then in rep with *As You Like It* and *Hamlet*.

☆ **POPPY:** Revised version of the Peter Nichols/Monty Norman satirical musical savaging Britain's role in the Chinese Opium Wars.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Previews from tonight, 8pm. Opens Aug 30, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm. Preview tonight free. Other previews £3.50. From Aug 30, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE:** Nostalgia musical: back to the Sixties with the Fabulous Singlettes sporting beehive hair-dos, who sing it like it was.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thur 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm. Early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm, £6.50-£11.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: ☆ **Tom Jones:** New adaptation of Fielding's splendid romp through the 18th century.
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road, Basford (0788 717962), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ☆ **The Sneeze:** Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West, Cheryl Campbell in a Chekhov entertainment, adapted by Michael Frayn from four one-act plays and four short stories. Directed by Ronald Eyre.
Theatre Royal, (091 232 2061), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs 2pm and Sat 2.30pm, £4-£12.

Festival of Britain's best



Tonight, Jane Glover (left), one of Britain's few women conductors, directs the London Mozart Players with soloist Takashi Shimizu in the opening concert for this year's Arundel Festival. The festival, which has been running since 1977, has grown in popularity each year and regularly features many artists of international repute. Yet it remains essentially a very English affair, as quietly sure of its appeal as the town in which it takes place. Many events will be held inside the 900-year-old castle, owned for more than half that time by the Dukes of Norfolk. These include flautist Christopher Hyde-Smith and Jane Dodd on harpsichord in the private chapel tomorrow, a literary luncheon — also tomorrow — with Elizabeth Jane Howard and Chapman Pincher in the Tilting Yard, the City of London Sinfonia in the Baron's Hall on Saturday and Stan Tracey's big band in the Tilting Yard on Monday. But while concerts abound, the festival also includes theatre, film, dance, talks, circus and puppets before it comes to a spectacular climax with the Monteverdi Vespers of 1610, to be held in the candle-lit cathedral on the final night. The Arundel Festival, Arundel, West Sussex starts today and runs until September 4. The box office in Mill Road is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. Telephone 0903 883474. *Judy Froshaug*

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Prog 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40.

■ **CRY FREEDOM (PG):** Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00.

DARK EYES (PG): Soviet director Nikita Mikhalkov's superb adaptation of Chekhov. Filmed in Italy starring Marcello Mastroianni, with Silvana Mangano and Marthe Keller (117 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, America's high priest of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories, with knockabout visual gags and simple but effective animation (78 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.15, 3.05, 5.00, 6.50.
Odeon Kensington (01-922 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723-2011). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 11.30, 1.30, 3.30, 6.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.10, 3.00, 4.55, 6.45, 8.40.

THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE (15): Revival of the 1962 political thriller., with Laurence Harvey as the brainwashed war hero manipulated by Mommy (Angela Lansbury). John Frankenheimer directs (103 min).
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.15, 6.15, 8.30.

SHAG (15): Frivolous film, named after an American dance craze; with Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates, Page Hannah and a youthful cast as boys and girls entering a dance contest in the 1960s (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.50, 7.20, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long lost son (Gary Oldman) (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending August 20

FICTION

1	**The Letter of Marque,** P O'Brian	*Collins*	£10.95
2	**Latecomers,** Anita Brookner	*Cape*	£10.95
3	**Summer's Lease,** John Mortimer	*Viking*	£10.95
4	**Elephant and Other Stories,** Raymond Carver	*Collins Harvill*	£ 9.95
5	**Family Business,** Anna Murdoch	*Collins*	£10.95

NON-FICTION

1	**A Brief History of Time,** Stephen Hawking	*Bantam*	£12.95
2	**1988 Michelin France**	*Michelin*	£ 9.00
3	**Whale Nation,** Heathcote Williams	*Cape*	£15.00
4	**The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor,** Michael Bloch	*Bantam*	£14.95
5	**Monkeys, Men & Missiles: An Autobiography,** Solly Zuckerman	*Collins*	£15.00

PAPERBACKS

1	**Straight on Till Morning,** Mary Lovell	*Arrow*	£ 3.99
2	**Presumed Innocent,** Scott Turow	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
3	**Moon Tiger,** Penelope Lively	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
4	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being,** M Kundera	*Faber*	£ 3.95
5	**A Friend From England,** Anita Brookner	*Grafton*	£ 2.95
6	**The Shellseekers,** Rosamunde Pilcher	*New English Library*	£ 6.95
7	**Rothman's Football Annual,** Jack Rollin	*Queen Ann Press*	£10.95
8	**The Radiant Way,** Margaret Drabble	*Penguin*	£ 3.95
9	**Savages,** Shirley Conran	*Pan*	£ 3.99
10	**Not That Sort of Girl,** Mary Wesley	*Black Swan*	£ 3.95

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CONCERTS

MORNING

☆ **ROLLA/ROTA:** In various combinations Hanne-Berit Hahnemann (violin), Paul Coletti (viola) and Peter Evans (piano) are heard in Rolla's *Duo Concertante*, Rota's *Intermezzo*, Schumann's *Marchenbilder* Op 113, Brahms's Sonata Op 120 No 2, Dallapiccola's arrangement of Vivaldi's Sonata No 6.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 225 5756), 11am, £4-£10.

EVENING

☆ **GOEHR WITH CHACONNE:** Edward Downes conducts the BBC Philharmonic in Alexander Göehr's Symphony with Chaconne, Mendelssohn's *Ruy Blas* Overture and Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Ida Haendel.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7pm, £3-£10.

☆ **FEELING FOR SCHUBERT, BRITTEN:** The "Feeling for Music" series this time has Grégor Horsch playing Britten's Cello Suite No 1, the *Endellion Quartet* following with his Quartet No 1; then Susan Tomes (piano), *Chi-chi Nwanoku* (double bass) and others are involved in Schubert's "Trout" Quintet.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£10.

☆ **MAUNDER MUSIC:** Richard Maunder's new edition of Mozart's *Requiem* is performed by the Academy of Ancient Music. the Academy of Ancient Music Chorus and soloists, all conducted by Christopher Hogwood.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.40pm, £5-£11.

☆ **ASHKENAZY/RPO:** The RPO is conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy in Shostakovich's Symphony No 6, Sibelius's bleak Symphony No 7 and his bleaker symphonic poem *Tapiola*.
Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 28 5756), 8pm, £4.50-£15.

GALLERIES

GAIL DICKERSON: Paintings about change and disintegration in found objects.
Bedford Hill Gallery, 50 Bedford Hill, London SW12 (01-675 5446). Mon-Fri 1-7pm, Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Sept 17.

JAMES WATTERSTON HERALD (1859-1914): Watercolours and pastels of life in Angus.
The Fine Art Society, 12 Great King Street, Edinburgh (031 556 0305). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 18.

DRAWINGS BY ROBERT COLQUHOUN (1914-1962): Preparatory sketches by a Scottish Neo-Romantic painter and stage designer.
City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2424), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Sept 10.

LUCIAN FREUD: A small but choice selection of paintings from 1947 to 1987.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031 225 2450), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1, until Oct 7.

FRANCIS PICABIA (1879-1953): A full career survey of a Dada and otherwise Modernist painter, poet and sculptor.
The Royal Scottish Academy, The Mount, Edinburgh (031 225 6671), Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 2-5pm, £2, until Sept 4.

OPERA

☆ **THE MONKEY KING:** The Peking Opera's display of music, dance and acrobatics.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-928 3191). 7.30pm, £4-£14.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** British Youth Opera in Peter Knapp's production of Mozart.
Tyne Opera House, Newcastle (091 232 0899), 7.30pm, £4.50-£7.50.

☆ **LA GATTA CENERENTOLA:** A Neapolitan Cinderella presented by The Mercadante Theatre of Naples. In Italian with English sur-titles.
King's Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756), 7.30pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Based on Steven Berkoff's play — a modern Oedipus story, given its British premiere at Edinburgh.
Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756), 7.30pm, £5-£7.

DANCE

☆ **MANDALA:** A new work by Tetsutaro Shimizu for the Matsuyama ballet from Tokyo, starring Yoko Morishita as the Christian girl with whom a young Buddhist artist falls in love.
Playhouse, Greenside Place, Edinburgh (031-225 5756) 7.30-10pm £3.50-£11.

☆ **ADAM AND EVE:** Comic strip version of their story for Moscow Classical Ballet, in a programme mainly of bravura display dances.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7846) 7.30-10.30pm £5.50-£25.

ROCK

☆ **BROKEN ENGLISH:** Wily Rolling Stones/ZZ Top pastiche.
International, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (061 224 5050) 8pm, £3.50-£4.

☆ **LIGHTNING STRIKE:** Second division Clash soundalike supported by young hopefuls Something Happens and Birdland.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **JOOLS HOLLAND:** Erstwhile TV presenter, member of Squeeze and nonpareil boogie pianist appears with his misleadingly named trio (the Big Band) and guest performer.
Amphitheatre, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 4373) 9.15pm, £5, until Sept 3 (not Aug 28, times vary).

JAZZ

☆ **CONCORD ALL STARS:** Saxophonist Scott Hamilton and his long-time partner, cornet player Warren Vache lead the swing revivalists.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) 7.15pm, £5.50 unreserved.



Buddy Tate (above) is one of the last giants of the pre-modern tenor saxophone: a survivor from the era of Coleman Hawkins, Herschel Evans, Don Byas and Chu Berry. He came to prominence with Count Basie, so his presence at tonight's Big Band Bonanza in Edinburgh (see listing) could hardly be more appropriate. His heavyweight style will make an interesting contrast with that of Tommy Whittle, the fine English tenorist, a product of the generation moulded by the example of Lester Young.

☆ **BIG BAND BONANZA:** See caption. **McEwens Edinburgh International Jazz Festival, Jazz Pavilion, Meadowbank Sports Centre,** London Road (031 557 1642) 9pm-2am, £7.

☆ **GANG OF THREE:** A witty, noisy blend of jazz-funk and bebop from a trio led by reeds player Dave O'Higgins.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **IRENE REID:** The ex-Basie vocalist is followed on-stage by the Jackie Sharpe Big Band.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

WALKS

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: meet Aldgate East tube, 11am, £2.50.

LEGAL LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

COCKNEYS, CRIMINALS AND JACK THE RIPPER — A PUB TOUR: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Fri).

OTHER EVENTS

OLD BULL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL: Day of activities for 6 to 12-year-olds with Paffi the clown; games, projects, plus show.
Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet, Hertfordshire. Booking essential (01-449 0048). Full day 10am-3.30pm, adult £5, child £4. show only 2.30pm, adult £2, child £1.50, plus 50p membership.

FESTIVAL OF ROMAN LIFE: David Petersen demonstrates the ancient craft of the blacksmith.
Roman Legionary Museum, Caerleon, North Wales. Today, tomorrow, Sat 10am-6pm.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT IN FULHAM AND HAMMERSMITH: *Tots, Fleeties* — a clown show for the under-12s. Today in Hammersmith Park, tomorrow in Wendell Park, Sat Ravenscourt Park. All shows 2pm. Free.

BOOK SIGNING AND READING: Caesarina Kona Makhoere reads extracts from her powerful political biography *No Child's Play — In Prison Under Apartheid*, published by the Women's Press.
Neal Street East, 5, Neal Street, London WC2 (01-240 0135). 7-8pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WIMBLEDON THEATRE: Autumn season includes concerts with Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, The Bachelors, Lorraine Chase, Ralph McTell and Motown Chartbusters with Junior Walker and the All Stars and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. Sept-Dec.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-540 0362/3).

LAST CHANCE

OI OI MARC CALAMANCA: Exhibition of paintings of skinheads, their way of life and social ostracism.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Ends today.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE YEAR 1988: Approximately 300 books published between April 1987 and March 1988, including non-fiction and teenage literature, selected and reviewed by Julia Eccleshare.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Ends today.

METROPOLIS: Show of work exploring interaction of individual with modern cities. The 25 artists include Stephen Barclay, Ken Currie, David Hosie.
BAAB, 29 Chapel Street, London SW1 (01-245 9521). Ends Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Greta Carslaw; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

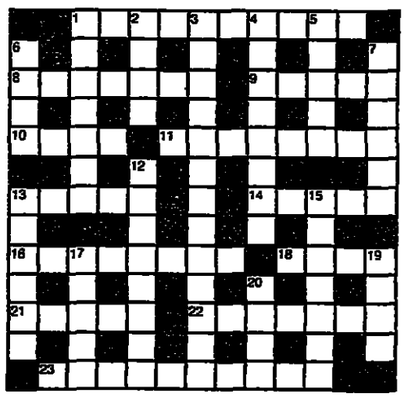
Answers from page 20

MUCIN
(c) The glycoproteins found by those who can recognize such things in saliva and mucus: "He zips in for a squinny, mucin in his ringent jaws, buzzing."

CATMALISON
(a) A cupboard in or near the ceiling, close to the chimney; probably derived from the belief that the cat cannot get into it, which underestimates the ingenuity of cats.

PANTAGAMY
(b) Marriage practised in some communistic societies, in which there is a free-for-all, every man being regarded as the husband of every woman, and vice versa; from the Greek *pas* everyone + *gunnein* to marry.

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BBC2

6.55 Open University. Ends **7.20am. 9.00** Ceefax. **10.45** Cricket: Test Match. Live coverage of the first day's play between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's. In their first Test Match in this country in 1984, the Sri Lankan team held England to a draw. Will their relatively new captain, Ranjan Madugalle, lead them to even greater success this time? **1.05** Ceefax. **1.20** Chock-a-Block (r). **2.00** News and weather, followed by Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon. Third in the eight-part series about South American society examines Peru (r). **3.00** News and weather, followed by Cricket: Test Match. **3.50** News and weather, and regional news and weather. **6.10** Film: Foreign Legion (1950) (b/w). Abbott and Costello as two fight promoters searching for a missing wrestler in Algiers and finding themselves enlisting in the Foreign Legion. Directed by Charles Lamont. **7.25** Cartoon. **7.35** Comrades. Portrait of the Soviet local government system as practised in Nakhodka, a town at the end of the Trans-Siberian Railway (r). **8.20** Vermeer. Sir Lawrence Gowing examines the 17th-century Dutch artist's major paintings including *The Girl Asleep* and *The Servant Pouring Milk* (r). **9.00** The Travel Show. Last programme in the series reveals who is the worst tour operator and which is the worst resort; plus a report on Kitzbuhel in Austria. **9.30** The Paul Daniels Magic Show (Ceefax) (r). **10.15** Police Powers. In the last programme of the series about revisions in police powers, David Jessel chairs a discussion about keeping the balance between crime fighting and community work. **11.00** Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick. **11.45** Weatherview. **11.50** Weekend Outlook. **11.55** Open University. Ends **12.25am.**

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6.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Richard Keys; **8.50** Wacaday, for the young, with Timmy Mallett. **9.25** Thames News and weather. **9.30** What's My Line? Odd occupations panel game hosted by Angela Rippon. Today's guests are Jilly Cooper, Leslie Crowther, Koo Stark and Garth Crooks. **10.00** Plastic Man. **10.25** News Headlines. **10.30** Disney's Duck Tales. **11.00** Tweety Pie. **11.10** Puddle Lane (r). **11.25** Thames News and weather. **11.30** Plants for Free. Micro-propagation (Oracle). **12.00** Knight Rider (r). **12.30** Santa Barbara. Family drama set in the vineyards of California. **1.00** News at One with John Suchet. **1.20** Thames News and weather. **1.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Sixties comedy detective series with Mike Pratt and Kenneth Cope (r). **2.30** All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls the time 25 years ago when 250,000 black people marched on Washington to demand their civil rights and heard Dr Martin Luther King make his most famous speech. **3.00** Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands. **3.25** Thames News and weather. **4.00** Tumbledown Farm. **4.15** The Horizontal Bar. **4.45** Panic Station. (Oracle). **5.15** Give Us a Clue (r). **5.45** News with Fiona Armstrong. **6.00** Thames News and weather. **6.30** Emmerdale Farm. **7.00** Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds, to see what goes on behind the screens. **7.30** Jimmy Greaves. Joining Jimmy in his kitchen are Annabel Croft, Willie Rushton, Joe Brown and snooker player Dennis Taylor. **8.00** The Bill. A car that crashes and bursts into flames has painful consequences for PCs Smith and Melvin. **8.30** The Fastest Men on Earth features American Jim Hines, Russian Valeri Borzov, and Trinidadian Hasley Crawford. **9.00** In the Heat of the Night. An escaped convict and his girlfriend take a young boy hostage in a desperate bid for freedom. **10.00** News at Ten. **10.30** Thames News and weather. **10.35** A Problem Aired. Dr Sue Blake tries to help a viewer solve their emotional problems. **11.05** First Run. David Puttnam presents two shorts made at Britain's film schools: *Sandino Bambino*, a comedy by Andrew Humphries of the Royal College of Art, and *Migrants*, about the strained relations between a mother and son on holiday, by Martha Fiennes of the Harrow College of Higher Education. Followed by Crimestoppers. **11.45** Starting Out. Preview of a schools programme for older teenagers to be transmitted next January. **12.15** Prisoner Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison. **1.10** World Chess Championship. Moves from the sixth and final game in the quarter-final battle between Nigel Short and Jon Speelman. **1.30** Nashville Swing. **2.00** News Headlines, followed by Film: Loot (1971). Black comedy based on Joe Orton's play about the proceeds from a bank job being hidden in a coffin in a funeral parlour. Starring Richard Attenborough, Lee Remick and Hywel Bennett. Directed by Silvio Narizzano. **4.00** News Headlines, followed by Too Close For Comfort. Comedy series. **4.30** America's Top 10 (r). **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children (r). **12.30** Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Damian Green. **1.00** Sesame Street. American pre-school learning series. The guest is actor Tony Danza. **2.00** Film: Mary, Queen of Scots (1971). Lavish period drama about the battle for power between Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. Starring Glenda Jackson and Vanessa Redgrave as the arch enemies, with a strong cast including Patrick McGoohan, Timothy Dalton, Nigel Davenport, Trevor Howard, Ian Holm and Daniel Massey. Directed by Charles Jarrott. **4.20** Magoo's Moose Hunt. **4.30** Countdown. **5.00** Film: Spring in Park Lane (1948) (b/w). Dame Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding star in a frothy romantic comedy about a wealthy young woman who falls for the new footman, only to discover he is not what he makes out to be. Directed by Herbert Wilcox. **6.40** Film: Movie Maniacs (1936) (b/w). The Three Stooges go crazy in a film studio when they are mistaken for the new management team and given *carte blanche*. Directed by Del Lord. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Comment. A personal view on a current topic, followed by weather. **8.00** Wakulla. Leo Dickinson's film of his extraordinary dive into the 140-ft deep pool in northern Florida, one of the largest and clearest underwater springs in the world. **9.00** Goya. Episode five of the six-part dramatization of the life of the celebrated Spanish painter. Starring Enric Majó and Laura Morante. (Oracle) **10.00** True Stories: Scenes from the Farm. (Oracle) (see Choice). **11.30** Film: My Mother, My Daughter (1981). Portrait of an American student in her early twenties (Alice Werblowsky) and her attempts to escape from an overbearing mother (Shelley Winters). Directed by Nadia Werba. Ends **12.50am.**

The Broadwater debate

TELEVISION CHOICE



A question of trust: television cameras revisit the community on the north London estate of Broadwater Farm (C4, 10pm)

● Scenes From the Farm (Channel 4, 10.00pm) opens with the funeral of a young black man killed in a fight on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham, north London. As the congregation joins in the singing of Shall We Gather By the River, the camera pans slowly over the estate's bleak architecture, the unlovely tower blocks which, three years ago, were the backdrop to the horrendous riots in which a policeman was hacked to death. Melissa Llewellyn Davies's film is not concerned ing with going over the rights and wrongs of what happened in 1985 but with giving a picture of the estate now. It has no thesis to prove; its "scenes" are designed to evoke rather than preach. There is no commentary and the people speak mainly for themselves, with occasional off-screen prompting from the director. Nor, except in long shot, do the police appear. This is Broadwater Farm as seen by its inhabitants. The picture is partly optimistic. There is a sense of a community trying to build itself through projects like a remembrance garden commemorating both Mrs Cynthia Jarrett and PC Blakelock. A black artist who keeps having his mural defaced by National Front slogans says he is determined to carry on. But the underlying tensions of a mainly black community living among a white society are still there and show no sign of being defused. There is still distrust of the police and the TV cameras, and a visit from a junior minister is treated politely but with scepticism. At the heart of the matter is a passionate debate among the black people of Broadwater Farm about the future they can, and should, expect.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below) New on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30** Newsbeat with Simon Leach **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Dave Lee Travis **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** My Top Ten: Nigel Kennedy talks to Andy Peebles **10.00** Andy Kershaw **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) News on the hour **4.00** Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Claire Rayner **1.05** Cliff Morgan **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton with Country Club **9.00** Lon Satton's Gospel Jubilee **10.00** Wise on the Wireless **10.30** The Spinners and Friends **11.00** Brian Matthew direct from Edinburgh **1.00** Alan Dedicoat with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.00** Time for Verse **6.40** The Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** *Twenty-four Hours* **7.30** *Guitar Workshop* **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Churchill the Historian **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Citizens **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook, opening with News Summary **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Talking From... **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** *Time for Verse* **11.40** *The Farming World* **12.00** World News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Talking from... **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and Twenty-four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather: News Headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: Haydn (Symphony No 92 in G, Oxford: Vienna PO under Leonard Bernstein) **7.30** News **7.35** Bernstein (America, West Side Story: Tatiana Troyanos, mezzo-soprano, Louise Edeken, soprano, Angelina Reaux, soprano, Stella Zambalis, soprano, Broadway Orchestra under Bernstein): Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: Columbia SO under Bernstein, piano); Bernstein (Glitter and Be Gay, Candide: Barbara Cook, soprano, Broadway Orchestra under Samuel Krachmalnick); Copland (El salon Mexico: New York PO under Bernstein); Bernstein (Divertimento: Israel PO under Bernstein) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Dvorak (Allegretto scherzando in G minor; Radoslav Kvapil, piano); (Symphonic poem, The Wood Dove, Op 110: Los Angeles PO under Zubin Mehta): (Overture, Armida: Prague National Theatre Orchestra under Jaroslav Vogel); (I Hurried After A Slender Gazelle, Armida Act One: Gabriela Beneckova, soprano, Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann); (Symphonic poem, Song of a Hero, Op 111: Czech PO under Alois Klima) **9.35** Songs without Words: Caroline Palmer, piano, plays: Mendelssohn (Songs without Words: in C, Op 67 No 4; in A minor, Op 65 No 2; in A, Op 102 No 5; in F sharp minor, Op 19 No 5); Grieg (Lyric Pieces: in B minor, Op 43 No 2; in F sharp minor, Op 43 No 1; in A minor, Op 57 No 3); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words: in A minor, Op 19 No 2; in C minor, Op 38 No 2; in E flat, Op 53 No 2; in B flat, Op 67 No 3) **10.05** American Landscapes: Virgil Thomson (Suite, The Plow that Broke the Plains: Los Angeles CO under Neville Marriner); Elliott Carter (Symphony No 1: American Composers Orchestra under Paul Dunkel) **10.45-6.20pm (MW only)** Test Match Special: Cornhill Test, England v Sri Lanka: The first day's play at Lord's, including **1.05** News, **1.10** The Great Innings, **1.30-1.40** County Scoreboard, **3.45-4.00** Minor Counties Review **10.45** Cherubini: Quartet No 6 in A minor played by Lindsay String Quartet **11.45** Copland Clarinet Sonata: Victoria Soames, clarinet, and Julius Drake, piano, play Milhaud (Duo concertant), Tailleferre (Arabesque) and Copland (Sonata — first broadcast) **11.50** BBC PO with Clifford Lantaff, harp, under Edward Downes, play: Rossini (Overture: Semiramide). Ginastera (Harp Concerto) and Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A) **1.00** News **1.05** Josef Suk, violin, with Josef Hala, piano, play Dvorak (Sonatina in G, Op 100), Janacek (Sonata), Brahms (Sonata in A, Op 100), Suk, arr Josef Suk (Evening Mood, Op 22b No 3) **2.05** La donna del lago: Opera in two acts by Rossini. With the Prague Philharmonic Chorus and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Maurizio Pollini **4.40** Heinrich Schiff, cello, plays Bach (Suite No 1 in G) **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure **6.20** Bandstand: Gareth Wood (Introduction and Allegro), Paul Patterson (Chromoscope) and Eric Ball (Resurgam) played by the National Youth Brass Band of Wales under Edward Gregson **6.55** News **7.00** Proms 88 live from the Royal Albert Hall, London: Mendelssohn (Overture: Ruy Blas), Alexander Goehr (Symphony with Chaconne), Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D) played by Ida Haendel, violin, with the BBC PO under Edward Downes. During the interval, Julian Rushton reviews Goehr's Symphony with Chaconne **9.10** Desperately Seeking Superstrings: Paul Davies, Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University, examines the superstring theory of particle physics **10.00** Proms 88 live from St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge: Music for court and church sung by Gothic Voices (Margaret Philpot, contralto, John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Charles Daniels, tenor, Leigh Nixon, tenor and Peter Harvey, baritone) under Christopher Page **11.05** Composers of the Week: Fanny Hensel (Oratorio on scenes from the Bible) and Clara Schumann (Romance in B minor) **12.00** News **12.05** Closedown

VARIATIONS

Celebration: Face to Face **11.05** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.00am** Starting Out **12.30** The Bretts **1.25** Film: Cold Blood **3.00** Sports Action **4.00** Rock of Europe **4.55-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Crazy about the Movies **1.20** HTV News **1.30** A Country Practice **10.35** The West This Week **11.15** HTV Weekend Outlook **11.20** Canadian Documentaries **11.30** Starting Out **12.00am** The Fugitive **1.00** Film: From Here to Eternity **3.10** The West This Week **3.50** Trans World Sport **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales At Six **10.35-11.30** Swansea Festival

TSW As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Cover Story **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Crazy Like a Fox **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.30** Today **7.30-8.00** Who's The Boss? **10.35** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **11.25** Starting Out **12.05am** California Highway **12.30** Postscript, Weather and Close

TVS As London except: **12.00pm** Hairloom **12.30-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Music Makers **11.05** Worlds Beyond **11.35** Starting Out **12.05am** UFO **1.05** Sports Action Worldwide **2.10** Taxi **2.45** America's Top 10 **3.15** Company **3.25** Muhammad Ali Goes East **4.25-5.00** Just Williams

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Voices of War **11.05** Straight Talk **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Inner Space **12.40-5.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Dining in France **1.20** Ulster Newsbeme **1.30** Children — Helping Hands **2.00-2.30** Starring...The Actors **6.00** Summer Edition **6.20-6.30** Police Six **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** From Stone to Stone **11.05** Carson's Law **12.00am** Starting Out **12.35** Ulster Newstime

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00pm** For the Honour of Their Country **12.30-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Calendar News **1.30** A Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Emergency **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Hunter **11.30** Starting Out **12.00am** America's Top 10 **12.30** Film: Vital Signs **2.25** Out of Limits **2.30** Married...With Children **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C Starts: **10.20** Film: For the Love of Mary **12.00** Countdown **12.30** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Just 4 Fun **2.30** The Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveros County **3.00** Film: Hoots Mon! **4.25** Ffalabalam **4.35** Am Ras **5.00** Family Ties **5.30** A Vote of No Confidence **6.00** Brookside **6.30** The Angling Experience **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Cefflol **8.00** Yr Eisteddfaeth Wyllt **8.35** Dinas **9.05** Virtuoso **10.00** Hemingway **11.00** First Bite **11.30** Film: My Mother, My Daughter **12.50** Dowodd

RTE 1 Starts: **4.05** News Headlines followed by Bosco **4.30** How **5.00** Sean the Leprechaun **5.15** The Campbells **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Garda Patrol **6.10** Paw Paws **6.30** A Portrait of the Soviet Union **7.30** It's Your Move **8.00** Starbuck **9.00** News **9.20** Today Tonight **10.00** Sorry **10.35** The Wine Programme **11.05** The Golden Girls **11.30** Late News, Close

RTE 2 Starts: **2.30** Racing from the Curragh **3.05** Trailee **3.05** Emmerdale Farm **5.35** Cartoon Time **5.40** The Wuzzels **6.05** Huckleberry Finn and Friends **6.30** The Sullivans **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Family Ties **8.00** Nuacht **8.05** Cursai **8.35** Mart and Market **8.40** A Home in the Green Land **9.10** Falcon Crest **10.05** Clash of the Ash **11.00** The Real Sounds of Africa **11.30** News Headlines, Nightlight, Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**

5.55 *Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.42** Behind The Wall by Colin Thubron (final part) (s) **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Pumers: Listeners report on life's injustices, problems and quirks, with Susan Marling and Eric Robson (r) **9.45** My Grandfather: The first of five recollections by Denis Constanduros (s) **10.00** News; The Natural History Programme **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens (s) **11.25** Prophets Returned: 3: The Living Soil. In his series of conversations with people whose theories about food were ahead of their time, Derek Cooper talks to 90-year-old Lady Eve Balfour who was a pioneer of the organic farming movement in Britain in the 1940s **11.50** That's What I Like About The North: Martin Wainwright returns to his native Leeds, having spent 12 years in London. (2) Hecky Thump: How northern speech reveals the character of the region **12.00** News; You and Yours with John Howard **12.25pm** Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: by John le Carré, adapted in seven parts by René Basilico, starring Bernard Hepton as George Smiley. (3) (s) (r) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World At One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: includes a talk about the green monkeys of Barbados, where the social structure is entirely organized by the females; a history of the can-can, a look at crammers and whether they fit their pupils for university; and, if you're not already fed up with school, there is a look at the unwittingly funny answers which pupils have written to exam questions **3.00** News; Hate Mail: Play by T. Smith. Det. Sgt. Wicker's last week before retirement starts out with a less-than-thrilling case of a vandalized garden. But it soon escalates into something very much nastier (s) **4.00** News **4.05** A Good Read: Brian Gear, with Rebecca Fraser and Christopher Matthew, discuss paperbacks they have enjoyed **4.35** Kaleidoscope (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial report **6.30** My Word: Michael O'Donnell chairs a light-hearted panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Victoria Glendinning and Denis Norden (s) (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** A Musical Evening in Spain: Talen Bevan talks to the renowned Spanish mezzo-soprano Teresa Berganza (s) **8.15** Journey Round My People: Ferdi Dennis goes on a journey around Afro-Britain. (3): The importance of the rag trade **8.30** Rebels: Hugh Sykes with six biographies of unconventional people. 3: Film-maker, novelist, journalist and poet Pier Paolo Pasolini (See Choice) **9.00** Does He Take Sugar? A magazine for disabled listeners and their families **9.30** Questions from the Past: Glyn Worsnip returns to themes of old Any Questions. 2: Politics **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Presented by Natalie Wheen and including a visit to a rock summer school and a review of A World Apart, the prize-winning film **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Three stories by Kate Pullinger. 2: The Imperial War Museum (s) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Continental Cabaret Chansons: Nightmares and Fantasies (r) **12.00** News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Realism and Interrogative Trust **11.50** Palladio: The Ideal Villa

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RADIO CHOICE



A sensational life: Pier Paolo Pasolini (Radio 4, 8.30pm)

● As mini-biography of a highly selective kind — but which is not supportive of the title is left out — Rebels (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is undeniably making its presence felt and tonight's profile of Pier Paolo Pasolini, Marxist film-maker, poet and journalist, is the best of the bunch to date. It is an object lesson in how to handle the sensational without being sensationalist. Pasolini, a rampant homosexual, was found battered to death in a Rome slum. Those who discovered his body thought it was a pile of discarded rags. *Rebels* underplays the irony in the comparison between Pasolini's inglorious death and the lyrical nature of his imagined death in the poem in which he spoke of dropping dead in a Trieste street after which "beautiful boys would run in the light I have just lost". Pasolini's films ranged from the inspired *The Gospel According to St Matthew*, to my mind the best film ever made about Christ, to the revolting *Salo: the 12 Days of Sodom*. In its depiction of the disgusting, *Salo* may be beneath contempt, but *Rebels* does not accept that it is beyond analysis and discovers a factual basis in the film which permits us to think of it in a new light.

Peter Davalle

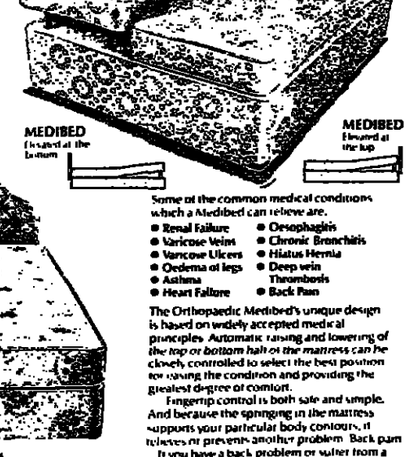
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TUC warned of war by electricians

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The TUC appeared to be careering towards crisis yesterday when the electricians' union warned other organization against attempts to recruits its members after it is expelled from the movement.

The warning was delivered after the TUC general council voted overwhelmingly to recommend the expulsion of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) for refusing to accept dispute committee decisions ordering it to abandon two single union deals.

Mr John Grant, of the EETPU, said: "We have enough clear evidence to show that several major unions plan to raid our membership immediately any expulsion is effective.

"There will be no membership war of our choosing but anyone who thinks that we will lay back and enjoy being assaulted is bonkers. We will resist and retaliate."

He said unions which attempted to recruit its members would "ultimately regret their foolish aggression".

The warning was supported by Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, who said it could lead to "all-out war" in factories and on shop floors throughout Britain.

Mr Jordan, whose union is holding merger galks with the EETPU, said reports of the membership war which had already begun would appear as "small beer" if the expulsion went ahead.

He said: "I fear an all out war among trade unions, in the factories and establishments of this country, which will cause tremendous damage to trade unionism and the chances of recruiting members. It will split and undermine unity." Mr Jordan argued at the meeting that instead of expelling the EETPU, the union's suspension should be extended in order to give it time to find a way out of the dispute.

However, his amendment was lost by 34 votes to five. The general council members decided "with regret" to recommend expulsion to the delegates of the TUC congress next month.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said: "They are not looking for instant blood-letting or holy wars and the statement of regret is sincerely meant".

Once the delegates at the TUC congress decide, as now seems inevitable, to expel the EETPU, the general council intends to issue guidelines to unions in an attempt to prevent a recruitment war.

The expulsion of the 335,000 strong EETPU represents a severe setback to the TUC, coming at a time when it is involved in a wide ranging review designed to stem the decline in union membership by making it "more relevant" to the mass of working people.

Mr Willis said the decision to recommend expulsion had been taken with regret but with regard to the movement's Bridlington "rule book" procedures which the EETPU had chosen to disregard. "The procedures are at the core of the relationship between affiliated unions and the TUC as a whole. They are our rules and unions joining the movement agree to abide by them."

Several other unions, he said, had accepted decisions made against them.

During yesterday's discussion, Mr Clive Jenkins, the TUC chairman, argued that the debate on the expulsion of the EETPU should be held in private to avoid any visiting demonstrations at congress.

Finely balanced on the crest of a wave



Tony Ray, of Australia, taking part in yesterday's trials for the Hot Tuna Surfmasters competition in Newquay, Cornwall. The five-day event, part of the Association of Surfing Professionals' world tour, is expected to attract 100,000 spectators and prize money is more than £40,000. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

US on the way to going metric

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The sweeping trade bill signed by President Reagan contains a little-noticed provision that requires federal agencies to convert to the metric system by 1992, which could eventually sound the death knell nationwide for the mile, the inch, the pound and the pint.

It means that the Federal Government must specify metric measurements for about $380 billion (£223 billion) in annual purchases of goods or services. The move will not single-handedly force everyone to convert, but it is bound tohave a big impact on private industry and state governments.

Some US industries have already switched to metric measures, particularly those producing film, wine and spirits, computers and photographic equipment. The current system has proved an enormous hindrance both to exports and imports. Some countries, for example, refuse to accept shipments of fruits and vegetables in containers that are not sized in centimetres.

Caterpillar Tractor says it has saved about $1 million a year by switching to metric for all the materials it buys. It now orders steel worldwide in a unified, metric size.

Mr George Brown, a California Democratic representative, who sponsored the metric conversion provision, said other countries that had converted to metric, such as Australia and Canada, had set a timetable for the changeover. "This sets a timetable for our Federal Goverment to get its act together," he added.

Mr Albert Navas, president of the American Metric Council, said metric measurements made it easier to learn mathematics.

While the Federal Government changeover would "accelerate the pace" of a nationwide switch to the metric system, the standard 12-ounce beer and the 55 mph speed limit would not disappear soon. "It will still be a slow, gradual process," he added. Some schools already teach the metric system.

Hope for drug to beat Aids-related disease

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A drug which seems capable of preventing one of the most common and deadly forms of Aids-related illness is being tested with remarkable results among patients at a London hospital.

Researchers believe that the drug, pentamidine, could soon become one of the most important preventive weapons in the armoury of treatments against the disease. It is specifically aimed at combating a type of pneumonia which strikes 60 per cent of Aids sufferers.

If the current trials at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, are successful, the drug is likely to be much more widely used as an early protection for many people who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), but who are still free of serious symptoms.

Pentamidine's effectiveness is limited to fighting *pneumocystic cariinii pneumonia* (PCP), a lung infection which is a leading cause of Aids-related deaths. Even if patients survive their first attack of PCP, the infection recurs, usually within a few months, and is often fatal.

But with no imminent prospect of an Aids cure or vaccine, it promises to be the most valuable drug since zidovudine, formerly known as AZT, which significantly prolongs life of patients with the disease.

In a trial at St Stephen's none of a group of about 40 HIV-positive outpatients, vulnerable to PCP, has developed it since they began inhaling the drug for a few minutes every two weeks.

Some of the patients have been receiving pentamidine in this way for up to 14 months. As the drug is cheap and can be self-administered, it relieves pressure on hospitals , and saves NHS costs.

Next month the Princess of Wales will open the new Aids out-patient unit at St Stephen's, where the trial is being conducted. Patients inhale the drug from portable equipment in a lounge at the unit.

Pentamidine was developed by the British company, May & Baker, 50 years ago for other conditions, such as sleeping sickness, but has recently been adapted for the treatment of Aids-related PCP. However, when injected it can produce serious side-effects, including kidney problems and low blood pressure.

Doctors in Britain and the United States have discovered that these side-effects are virtually eliminated, and the drug is more effective, when inhaled in an aerosol form, which delivers it directly to the lungs, the seat of the infection.

At present pentamidine is licensed in Britain only for intravenous use, but is being given as an aerosol on a experimental basis. It is also only available as a treatment rather than as a prophylactic. However, that restraint could be removed if the results from St Stephen's are convincing.

"We have to find out how effective it is in preventing attacks of PCP and what the long-term effects of taking the drug are", Dr Don Smith, research registrar at the unit said yesterday.

"We need to know which patients are best suited for it. It would be inappropriate to offer it to everyone who is HIV-positive, because they may remain healthy and symptom-free for many years. They cannot be expected to take a drug regularly, for a very long time, unless we are sure of its benefits and absence of side-effects.

"What we are trying to do is identify those people with the virus who are more at risk of PCP infections and offer them the drug as a prevention, rather than a cure.

"This is not a treatment for Aids in general, but a method of preventing a common and often fatal infection from which Aids patients suffer."

Tough measures to counter IRA

Continued from page 1

George Robertson, an opposition foreign affairs spokesman, has written to the Foreign Secretary demanding action.

Belfast police sources denied that the dawn arrests had anything to do with the weekend meeting between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Ken Maginnis, MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

Mr Maginnis claimed to have told the Prime Minister the names of well-known IRA men but an RUC officer said last night: "These arrests were the result of intelligence which Mr Maginnis was not privy to."

Most of the eight arrested, are believed to be connected with the IRA's East Tyrone brigade, which the IRA had admitted was responsible for the murder of the soldiers last Saturday.

The RUC is expected to make other arrests in the next few days.

Mr Maginnis last night welcomed Mr King's promise to take what measures were required against the terrorists.

"I do not know whether the eight people now being held in Armagh are the same names that I gave though they probably are. What will most likely happen is that these people will remain totally silent.

"They will not have to account for their movements over the last several days because of their right to remain silent. After five days they will probably be released and the police will have only limited evidence of any involvement they might have in the Omagh explosion", he said.

Yesterday two RUC officers narrowly escaped death when their patrol car was blasted into a field by a terrorist bomb.

Oil firms losing £3m a day

Continued from page 1

could be periods when a bell could be submerged unmanned.

"It is not a common occurence, but the possibility remains for this to happen in certain circumstances", he said.

Another diver rescued from Piper Alpha, who wished to remain anonymous, said the use of tapes in empty bells was well-known. "If you don't play ball, you don't get work – it's fear, it's intimidation" he said.

"I know it has been done. It has never happened on Piper Alpha as far as I am aware, but it has on other rigs. It is just a con. It is a way of making out to the people supposed to be supervising the work that the work is actually being done."

However, an oil industry source said: "The whole thing is too stupid for words". He said sending down a diving bell was a hugely expensive and detailed task, and all checks were subject to a written report.

Mr John Hendrick, chairman of the UK Offshore Operators' Association's diving advisory committee, said: "I find this absolutely incredible".

He said supervisors were able to watch video recordings of exactly what a diver was doing, the platform's certificating authority always wanted to see evidence of what a diver had found and oil companies had representatives on diving vessels equipped with a television link to see what was happening.

Mr Mudd, a former parliamentary private secretary at the Department of Energy, also said that as the gap between production prices and the sale prices of offshore oil narrowed, safety appeared to have become "one of the disposables".

That resulted in repair and maintenance work being re-costed downwards both in terms of cash and the time allowed.

He said that one task that had been allocated almost five months in 1986-87 had been given only 41 days this year.

Spy case tactics 'overheard'

Continued from page 1

later to express strong opposition to Australia becoming involved in the right case, and in the end the Government merely paid lip service to the British request.

Mr Turnbull and Mr David Hooper, Heinemann's London lawyer, both believed they were under surveillance by the security services. Mr Turnbull says: "Both Hooper and I accepted that our telephones and faxes would be intercepted by the British and that it was possible our offices would be bugged also."

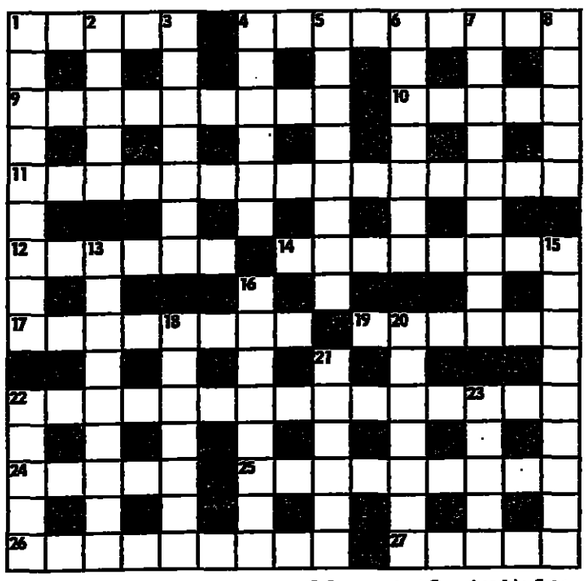
Their fear led to a campaign of disinformation aimed at the security services which moved between the serious and the farcical. "Hooper and I had numerous conversations about lines of cross-examination for Armstrong which were entirely fictitious."

Sir Robert Armstrong, head of the Civil Service, was sent to Sydney to represent the British Government at the trial. The disinformation suggested that a Russian called "Boris" was feeding them information about Sir Robert, and suggested that they were receiving Russian roubles to finance the defence. They suggested the presence of a mole inside MI5.

Mr Turnbull claims he repeatedly tried to negotiate the settlement with Whitehall to prevent the trial from going ahead. He was convinced the British Government had followed the wrong strategy and left itself wide open in a court case. Turnbull writes: "Naively I imagined the case was being pushed by MI5 and some rather unworldly lawyers like John Bailey (Treasury Solicitor). At that time I felt that once Mrs Thatcher cottoned on to the risks inherent in the litigation, she would order that a settlement be negotiated."

Lord Havers said yesterday: "These things simply did not happen. In fact the Solicitor General of New South Wales did support our case, so it is not my interpretation that the Australians only paid lip service to our request, which Mr Turnbull claims was the result of the alleged leak."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,757



ACROSS

1 Offence clearly announced in court (5).
4 Cold War missiles? (9).
9 Children like a broken jack-in-the-box, possibly (9).
10 Hear again about sporting achievement (5).
11 Programme – some miss it completely when it's cut (9,6).
12 Keenness to get vacuum without lead (6).
14 Bless me specially after a mass (8).
17 Vote in Europe's oddly revealing (8).
19 Not a full house – needs a ten, king or joker (6).
22 Monsieur, perhaps, holds in statesman (7,8).
24 Beginnings of virtue as well as delicacy (5).
25 Bravest when divided, for example (9).
26 Rocket designer, say, and American statesman (9).
27 Gently push, for instance, horse that's backed (5).

DOWN

1 King's soon trapped by this jester's wife (5,4).
2 Incompetent figurehead in fighting group (5).
3 First-class fare for Empress of Blandings required on vessel (7).
4 It might be a familiar drink (6).
5 Trio sang composition for another musician (8).
6 Obstruct love, making no exceptions (3,4).
7 Landlord has separate compartment for his correspondence (6-3).
8 In cunning way, dramatist put second first (5).
13 Superior example – capital sort of 7 (5,4).
15 Fearless when beheaded, all right (5-4).
16 Inherit unnamed trio of these (8).
18 Do record half-century in 21, perhaps (7).
20 Moronic error in Aristotle's spelling (7).
21 Cricket authority's to stretch a point internally (6).
22 After four, this game produces score (5).
23 Characters preceding US foe, in a fashion (5).

Concise Crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MUCIN
a. A farmyard chore
b. A Babylonian hieroglyph
c. The protein in spit

CATMALISON
a. A cupboard in the ceiling
b. Aversion to felines
c. The Scottish catwort

PANTAGAMY
a. A board and dice game
b. Communal matrimony
c. Mass celibacy

Answers on page 18, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,756

S	T	R	A	F	E	■	C	R	A	C	K	S	U	P
C	■	E	■	L	■	J	■	O	■	L	■	U	■	A
H	O	N	E	Y	C	O	M	B	■	E	M	B	E	R
O	■	T	■	F	■	H	■	E	■	F	■	J	■	I
O	P	I	N	I	O	N	■	R	E	T	R	E	A	T
N	■	E	■	S	■	T	■	T	■	■	C	■	Y	■
E	A	R	T	H	■	H	I	T	H	E	R	T	O	■
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M	I	L	K	S	O	P	■	R	E	E	K	I	N	G
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WEATHER

An unstable north-westerly airstream covering most areas will make for a cool day with strong west to north-west winds. The South-west will see some morning sun and scattered showers. Elsewhere, there should be bright or sunny spells between cloud and showers. Longer rain spells are expected in Scotland. Outlook: cool, unsettled, windy at times.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Madrid	28	82	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	29	84	s
Amst'dm	15	59	r	Mexico C*	19	66	c
Athens	31	88	s	Miami*	32	90	s
Bahrain	38	100	s	Milan	24	75	f
Barcelna	25	77	f	Montreal*	21	70	s
Belgrade	21	70	c	Moscow	27	81	c
Berlin	19	66	f	Munich	21	70	s
Bermuda*	23	84	f	Nairobi	15	59	r
Biarritz	22	72	f	Naples	28	82	f
Borde'x	22	72	c	N Delhi	29	84	f
Brussels	17	63	c	N York*	22	72	c
Budapst	17	63	c	Nice	24	75	f
B Aires*	22	72	s	Oslo	17	63	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Paris	20	68	f
Chicago*	28	82	s	Peking	29	84	s
Ch'church	13	55	f	Perth	19	66	f
Cologne	16	61	c	Prague	20	68	f
C'ptwn	15	59	f	Reykjvik	11	52	f
Corfu	30	86	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
Dublin	16	61	f	Rome	26	79	s
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Salzburg	20	68	s
Faro	17	63	s	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Florence	26	79	s	Santiago*	18	64	f
Frankfurt	20	68	c	Seoul	28	82	c
Funchal	24	75	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	20	68	f	St'kholm	14	57	c
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	f
Helsinki	15	59	c	Sydney	15	59	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Tel aviv	30	86	s
Innsbruck	20	68	f	Tenerife	28	79	c
Istanbul	30	86	s	Tokyo	32	90	f
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	17	63	r
L Palmas	25	77	c	Vanc'ver*	20	68	s
Le Tquet	16	61	c	Venice	23	73	f
Lisbon	24	75	s	Vienna	18	64	s
Locarno	21	70	c	Warsaw	18	64	f
L Angels*	22	72	c	Wel'ston	14	57	s
Luxembg	16	61	c	Zurich	18	64	c

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.7	.05	17	63	cloudy
Bridlington	2.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Hunstanton	3.2	.04	20	68	cloudy
Lowestoft	2.0	-	21	70	cloudy
Clacton	4.8	-	21	70	bright
Southend	3.0	-	20	68	bright
Margate	4.9	.01	21	70	dull
Folkestone	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Hastings	2.4	.02	19	66	shower
Brighton	2.0	.01	18	64	rain
Worthing	2.7	-	19	66	shower
Bognor R	2.5	-	19	66	bright
Southsea	1.6	.01	19	66	cloudy
Sandown	1.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Shanklin	1.6	.03	17	63	cloudy
Bournemth	2.2	.02	18	64	shower
Poole	1.8	.04	18	64	drizzle
Swanage	1.1	.04	18	64	shower
Weymouth	2.1	.02	19	66	shower
Exmouth	4.1	.06	18	64	sunny
Torquay	4.6	.03	19	66	bright
Scilly Isles	4.8	.07	18	64	shower
Newquay	3.9	.08	19	66	rain
Morecambe	2.1	.33	17	63	shower
Buxton	2.8	.12	17	63	shower
Carlisle	2.6	.09	17	63	shower
Leeds	3.9	.02	18	64	shower
Nottingham	3.5	.02	17	63	rain
Anglesey	5.2	.09	17	63	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.2	.02	18	61	bright
Tenby	5.0	.19	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	2.3	.12	18	64	thundr
Aviemore	4.8	.02	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	3.3	.07	15	59	rain
Kinloss	2.8	.09	18	64	shower
Lerwick	0.1	.07	12	54	rain
Prestwick	1.8	.13	15	59	shower
Stornoway	0.1	.20	15	59	shower
Tiree	0.1	.31	15	59	shower
Wick	1.7	.08	14	57	shower

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.08	5.9	12.44	6.1
Aberdeen	—	—	12.34	3.8
Avonmouth	5.57	10.1	6.30	11.8
Belfast	10.00	3.1	10.17	3.4
Cardiff	5.42	10.2	6.15	11.0
Devonport	4.45	4.6	5.12	5.0
Dover	10.12	5.8	10.32	6.0
Falmouth	4.15	4.4	4.42	4.8
Glasgow	11.34	4.1	—	—
Harwich	10.38	3.4	11.19	3.7
Holyhead	9.32	4.9	9.47	5.3
Hull	5.09	6.3	5.54	6.6
Ilfracombe	4.55	7.7	5.23	8.3
Leith	1.14	4.7	1.58	4.9
Liverpool	10.18	8.2	10.41	8.8
Lowestoft	12.52	2.2	8.55	2.2
Margate	10.53	4.3	11.33	4.5
Milford Haven	5.09	5.9	5.34	6.4
Newquay	4.04	5.9	4.28	6.4
Oban	5.18	3.2	5.29	3.7
Penzance	3.49	4.8	4.14	5.1
Portland	5.46	1.6	6.14	2.0
Portsmouth	10.31	4.2	10.46	4.3
Shoreham	10.15	5.5	10.37	5.8
Southampton	10.11	4.1	10.17	4.2
Swansea	5.03	8.1	5.27	8.7
Tees	2.20	4.8	3.04	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	10.35	3.6	11.12	3.9

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Times are BST

THE POUND

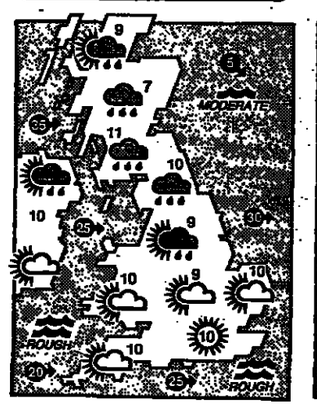
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Austria Sch	23.25	22.85
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Canada $	2.145	2.035
Denmark Kr	12.63	12.03
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	11.20	10.85
Germany Dm	3.295	3.135
Greece Dr	264	250
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.85
Ireland Pt	1.229	1.169
Italy Lira	2455	2325
Japan Yen	236	224
Netherlands Gld	3.73	3.54
Norway Kr	12.07	11.47
Portugal Esc	269	255
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.36	10.76
Switzerland Fr	2.76	2.64
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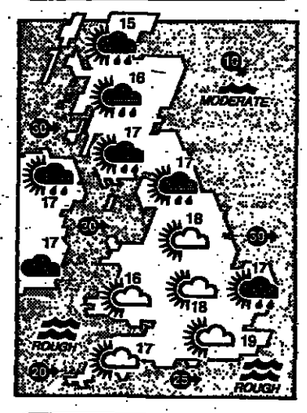
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London: The *FT* index closed up 1.4 at 1457.5.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.32 pm to 5.34 am
Bristol 8.42 pm to 5.44 am
Edinburgh 8.55 pm to 5.38 am
Manchester 8.45 pm to 5.38 am
Penzance 8.51 pm to 5.58 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	14	57	d
B'mingham	17	63	c	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	15	59	c	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	17	63	c	London	19	66	f
Cardiff	17	63	r	M'chester	16	61	r
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	16	61	c
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'nldeway	14	57	r

Sun rises: 6.02 am
Sun sets: 8.02 pm
Moon sets 2.33 am
Moon rises 7.29 pm
Full Moon August 27

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6pm, 75 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1000.2 millibars, falling. (1,000 millibars=29.53in.)

MANCHESTER

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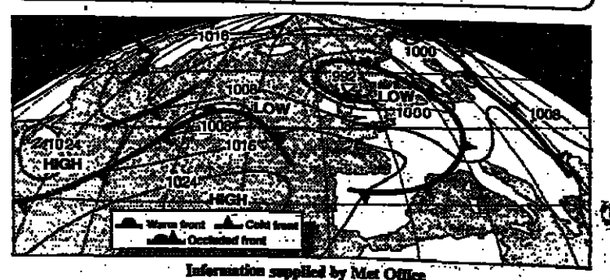
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Tuesday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland; 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Dalwhg, Highland, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 9.7hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 11am, 2.15pm, 6.30pm and 9pm

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1467.5 (+1.4)	US dollar 1.6780 (–0.0035)
FT-SE 100 1819.2 (+1.3)	W German mark 3.1790 (–0.0259)
USM (Datastream) 167.44 (–0.06)	Trade-weighted 75.9 (–0.2)

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David Brewerton

BAT still talking at expiry time

BAT and Farmers, the leading US insurance group, were still locked in merger talks last night just before the British group's £3 billion offer was due to expire. BAT set a deadline of 4pm, California time, but observers said that the negotiations could continue well beyond then.

Both companies are being secretive about progress of the discussions which are taking place at a secret location in Los Angeles.

But stock market dealers in London and Wall Street believe that BAT is close to an agreement with Farmers.

Mecca attack

Mr Michael Guthrie, the Mecca Leisure chairman, has launched an attack on Pleasurama's management in his offer document.

The document sets out Mecca's £750 million bid. Mr Guthrie told Pleasurama shareholders that their board was "expanding into activities where it has only limited management experience itself."

Weir advance

Weir Group, the Glasgow pumps and engineering group, has increased its half-year dividend from 1.25p to 2.25p on a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £7.84 million.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2005.51 (+16.18)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 27799.67 (–120.28)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2520.29 (–11.84)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 257.0 (+0.4)
Sydney: AO ..... 1632.9 (+3.0)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1462.3 (+20.2)
Brussels:
General ..... 4880.1 (+0.9)
Paris: CAC ..... 352.6 (+1.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 475.1 (+0.5)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 950.34 (+1.49)
FT–"500" ..... 1039.01 (+0.60)
FT Gold Mines ..... 197.5 (+2.9)
FT Fixed interest ..... 97.33 (+0.15)
FT Govt Secs ..... 87.60 (–0.04)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Amersham ..... 627½p (+22p)
Ratcliffs ..... 153p (+10p)
Security Services ..... 400p (+17p)
Clifford's Dairy ..... 500p (+10p)
Geest ..... 276½p (+15p)
Moss Bros ..... 230p (+10p)
GR ..... 720p (+15p)
Hawker Siddeley ..... 524½p (+9p)
Davies & Newman ..... 655p (+10p)
Property Security ..... 176p (+10p)
Brent Walker ..... 393½p (+7p)
Henderson Admin ..... 705p (+10p)
Pifco ..... 280p (+31p)
Securicor ..... 435p (+35p)
FALLS:
Whitbread 'B' ..... 630p (–45p)
Ranger ..... 349½p (–8p)
Parrish ..... 190p (–10p)
Gresham House ..... 390p (–10p)
Courts Furn 'A' ..... 273½p (–9p)
VG Instruments ..... 340p (–8p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11¾-11 11/16%
3-month eligible bills: 11 5/16-11⅛% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.17-7.16%*
30-year bonds 97⅞-97 7/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6780	£: $1.6780*
£: DM3.1790	$: DM1.8950*
£: SwFr2.6814	$: SwFr1.5970*
£: FFr10.8004	$: FFr6.4345*
£: Yen225.35	$: Yen134.28*
£: Index:75.9	$: Index:100.0
ECU £0.652836	SDR £0.763434

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $432.10 pm $433.00
close $433.75-434.25 (£258.50-259.00)
New York:
Comex $435.70-436.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm $15.00bbl ($15.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Pifco (02994) up 29p on a 30% expansion in final profits, while Geest (04249) lifted 14p on rumours of an impending bid.
TR Industrial and General (02139) rose 13p following the mandatory bid from the British Coal Pension Fund. Elsewhere, Scantronic (01113) announced a £9m rights issue and shares fell 7p.
● Recent additions include: Bonded Laminates 8p conv pref. 03425. New Throgmorton Zero Debenture 03426
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Tax increases urged as trade fears escalate

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

City pressure for a rise in base rates increased yesterday, as sterling weakened in response to gloom on the balance of payments and nervousness ahead of today's trade figures.

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research, in its August *Economic Review*, published last night, predicted current account deficits of £11.2 billion this year and £13.4 billion in 1989, and urged the Chancellor to raise direct taxes on individuals in his Autumn Statement in November.

The Bank of England again failed to signal a rise in base rates, in spite of growing pressure from rising money-market rates.

"The markets are going through torture because they have been anticipating a move for two days," said Mr Neil MacKinnon, economist at Chase Manhattan Securities. "Although the timing is difficult to predict it is almost certain we will see higher rates."

Dealers believe that the authorities have been attempting to hold base rates at 11 per cent in order to give the recent tightening of monetary policy time to work through. But sterling weakness could force the Treasury's hand, it is thought.

The three-month interbank rate closed at 11¾-11 11/16 per cent as sterling weakened. Some traders spoke of a full one point rise in base rates, to 12 per cent, although the consensus was that the authorities would continue to move in half-point steps.

The pound fell by nearly three pfennigs to DM3.1769 and by a third of a cent to $1.6780. The sterling index fell by 0.2 points to 75.9.

The National Institute, which said in February that there was no room for a cut in income tax in the March Budget, said in its August *Review* that the economic situation has turned out as it feared, with domestic demand growing at an unsustainable pace.

It criticized the policy of raising interest rates to choke off demand, because of damaging effects on investment and the expansion of industrial capacity. "The appropriate way of moderating the growth of consumer spending is not, in our view, to raise interest rates or limit the availability of credit, but to raise taxes," the *Review* said.

Higher VAT or excise duties would be damaging at a time when inflation is rising, and so the Institute called for action, in the Autumn Statement, on direct taxation. Recognizing that the Chancellor is unlikely to reverse his recent income tax cuts, it suggested an increase in employees' National Insurance contributions.

Treasury officials pointed out that an increase in employees' National Insurance contributions, if announced in November, would not take effect until the following April.

Growth in the economy was forecast at 3.9 per cent this year, against 4.8 per cent last year, with some slowdown towards the end of the year. Unemployment is predicted to fall below 2 million in the middle of next year.

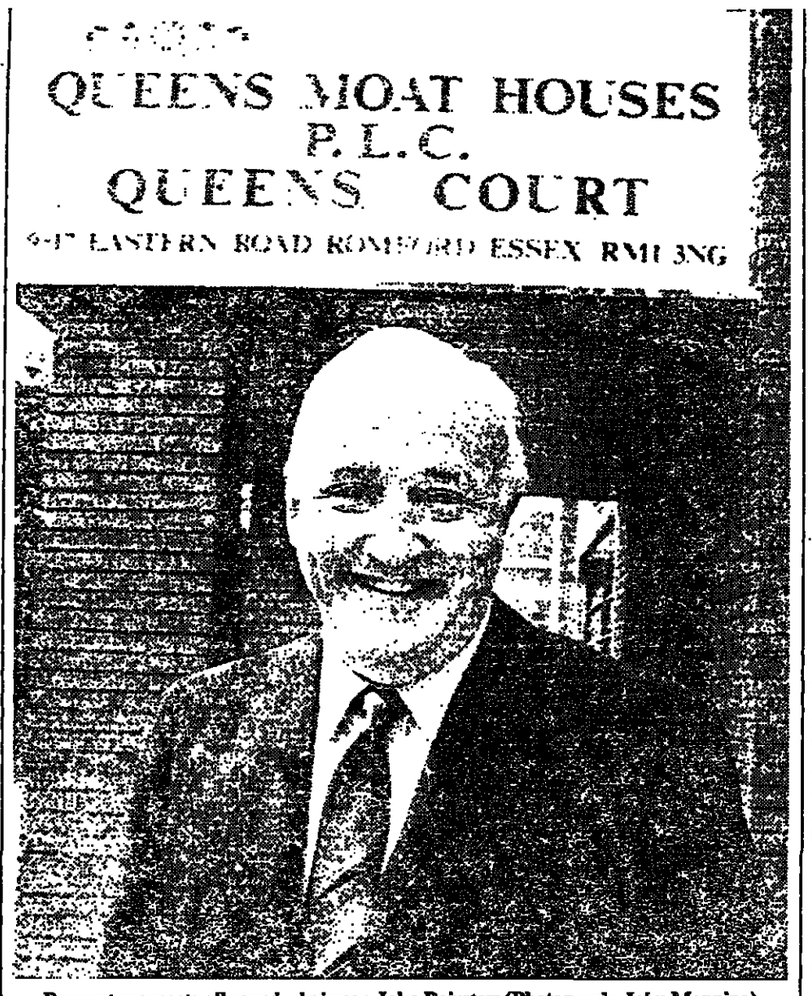
Inflation is forecast to be nearly 5 per cent at the end of the year, rising to 6 per cent in the second quarter of next.

In its main forecast, the Institute sees sterling depreciating gradually from present levels, and the current account deficit rising to £14-15 billion a year in the early 1990s.

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US deficit at three-year low

The US merchandise trade deficit narrowed to $29.94 billion (£17.8 billion) in the April-June second quarter of this year, the smallest gap in three years. The figure is 14.9 per cent below the revised deficit of $35.2 billion. Analysts expect a narrowing for the rest of this year.



Buoyant prospects all round: chairman John Bairstow (Photograph: John Manning)

Queens Moat profit up 90%

By Carol Ferguson

Queens Moat Houses, the provincial hotels group, announced a 90 per cent increase in interim profits to £17.2 million.

The results had a strong boost from last October's acquisitions in West Germany and the Netherlands, but Mr John Bairstow, the chairman, said that underlying organic growth in Britain, excluding acquisitions, had been 17 per cent.

"The group now operates 117 hotels with over 12,000 bedrooms in five European countries – the UK, West Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland," Mr Bairstow said. "Trade in all areas of operation has been very buoyant and there is every prospect of further increased profits in the future."

The group has reviewed its property portfolio at the half year stage and estimates that its total value is £810 million, an increase of £125 million over previous values.

Net assets per share, mostly represented by freehold or long leasehold propery, are estimated by the company at 130p. The share price was steady yesterday at 107p.

Mr Bairstow said that the group remained committed to developing and upgrading its existing hotels through extensions and refurbishments.

"We also have a considerable new building programme," he said. Seven new hotels are currently under construction, six in England and one at Leuven in Belgium. He said that the newly completed Reading Moat House is to be officially opened in September.

Turnover was up 53 per cent to £107 million, and an interim dividend of 1.06p net per share was declared, an increase of 0.6p on last year.

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Clowes '£75m could be regained'

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Peter Clowes, the former head of Barlow Clowes, said yesterday that he thought at least £75 million could be recovered for investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar end of the collapsed investment group.

"I am not trying to be unduly optimistic, or to give investors false hopes, but I do think it is important that they realize that they have not lost all their capital," he said.

BCI owes a total of £138 million to investors of which about £100 million represents their capital, the balance consists of interest.

Mr Clowes said his £75 million calculation was "the best estimate of the realizable assets of BCI."

"A lot of these assets are recoverable with varying degrees of difficulty," he said.

The liquidators of BCI are known to take a more conservative approach to the realizable assets of BCI. So far they have recovered about £16 million in cash and gilts.

Moreover, BCI investors thought – and were always told by their financial intermediaries – that all their money was going into gilts. Mr Clowes divided the £75 million recoverable into five categories. Under the heading of "cash, deposits and gilts" he said there was £16 million cash in the bank, gilts of £1.75 million, an £11 million back to back loan to James Ferguson Holdings, the parent company of Barlow Clowes, a £250,000 loan on a property in Exeter and a £250,000 loan to Dr Peter Naylor, a former Barlow Clowes director.

Also included are loans of £2.1 million to subsidiaries of James Ferguson.

Mr Clowes said his second category – "investment companies" – should produce £11 million. This included £6 million owed by three offshore vehicles all going under the name of "Tifa" and £3 million of BCI investors' money from a property company called Megerberry, which owns the Barlow Clowes Cheshire headquarters.

Mr Clowes's third category, "quoted company shares" should produce £20.5 million he said. This includes stakes in Buckley's Brewery, and CH Bailey, plus a batch of blue chip shares worth £5 million.

A fourth category, "dollar companies" should produce about £2.73 million. This included companies owning a yacht called Yara, two aviation companies and a French Chateau in Bordeaux.

The final category, called "personal assets" totals £10 million and includes Mr Clowes's "conservative estimate" of his own assets at £4 million.

Pernod admits to talks with Irish Distillers

By Michael Tate and Susan MacDonald

The Pernod-Ricard drinks group may, after all, launch a white knight takeover bid for Irish Distillers Group, the Jameson and Bushmills company fighting off an unwanted £212 million offer from Grand Metropolitan.

After discussions with the Takeover Panel, the French company yesterday moved to "clarify" its role in the confused takeover affair. In a Stock Exchange statement, it admitted having talks with the Irish group and owning a small share stake but refused to say how large. It hoped to make an announcement next week.

This flatly contradicted the denial from a Pernod-Ricard spokesman in Paris on Tuesday. He insisted then that the group had no intention of making a counter-bid, and insisted that it held no shares in Irish Distillers.

The confusion caused speculation about whether the contradictory statements were clever manoeuvering or plain incompetence, but the Takeover Panel declared itself satisfied yesterday that there had been "a genuine mistake" and and that the position had been satisfactorily clarified.

"Everything has changed," was how an embarrassed Pernod-Ricard spokesman reacted yesterday.

"On Monday," he said, "we were completely out of any dealings with IDG, but now discussions between ourselves and IDG are underway." His reluctance to explain why the Pernod-Ricard management had denied one day what it admitted the next was because of the delicacy of the talks in progress, he explained.

"We didn't really lie," he added. "Our holding in IDG is so small that we are not obliged to declare it."

Pernod-Ricard refused to comment further on the talks now in progress.

GrandMet responded by accusing the IDG board of allowing "considerable confusion and uncertainty" to develop.

It also noted that IDG "evidently recognizes that it needs the assistance of a larger drinks company."

Investment company chief is charged

The West Midlands fraud squad has arrested Mr Jonathon Charles Miles, managing director of Birmingham-based financial intermediary Jonathon Charles Investment Management Services.

Mr Miles was last night charged with three offences of theft totalling £92,000. He was arrested after an investigation by the fraud squad and the Securities and Investments Board.

Hanson at a record

Pre-tax profits of Hanson, the bricks-to-batteries conglomerate, are running 17.1 per cent higher than a year ago, at a record £605 million, with nine months of the current year gone. Earnings per share are 13.3 per cent up at 11.1p.

The three months to June 30 produced pre-tax profits of £249 million, against £205 million for the same period last year, on a turnover up from £1.46 billion to £1.86 billion.

Lord Hanson, the chairman, said that the excellent progress seen at the half year stage had continued into the third quarter, with good performances from the businesses in Britain and the US.

The results include an eight-month contribution from the Kidde acquisition where, according to Sir Gordon White, the chairman of Hanson Industries, the US operation, the restructuring is progressing "splendidly."

The nine-month figures include a full nine months for Kaiser, against a six-month contribution last time.

Coal funds launch £560m trust bid

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The British Coal Pension Funds yesterday launched a £560.5 million bid for Touche Remnant Industrial & General Trust. It is the largest bid so far in the investment trust sector.

The funds' 129.5p-a-share bid was triggered by the purchase of a 6.8 per cent stake in Trig held by Standard Life, the Scottish life assurance company. This took the funds' stake from 29.3 per cent to 36.1 per cent – well above the level at which a bid becomes obligatory under the Takeover Code.

Mr Barry Southcott, managing director of CIN Managment which handles the pension funds' investments, said: "This is meant to be a low-key non-aggressive offer made because of the increase in our shareholding." The pension funds currently have assets of about £10 billion.

The bid price represents an 8 per cent discount to Trig's net asset value, a substantial improvement on the 17 per cent discount contained in Tuesday's share price of 115p.

Trig is widely expected to reject the offer although it responded cautiously yesterday, since most of its directors were away, by advising shareholders to do nothing while the trust consulted its advisers.

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Aldermanbury to be investigated

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr Francis Maude, the Corporate Affairs Minister, has appointed an Inspector to investigate the affairs of Aldermanbury Trust, a loss-making investment company based in Harpley Green, Clifton-on-Theme, Worcester.

Accountant Mr Stephen Box of Deloittes has been asked to look at the company's records even before a legal inspector is appointed to make up the team.

Aldermanbury has been controlled by its chairman Mr GWF Fulcher, who is shown last year as owning 93 million of its 136 million 1p shares. The company registered a net loss of £196,000 on disclosed turnover of £50,000 in the year to March 1987, but showed shareholders' funds of £3.6 million.

In May, Levy Gee, Aldermanbury's auditors, said it had reason to believe that audited accounts for the period from October 1985 to March 1987 did not show an entirely true and fair view and had therefore withdrawn its audit report. The company also admitted breaching its own articles of association.

The Inspectors are being appointed under Section 432 (2) of the Companies Act, which covers circumstances suggesting intent to defraud, unfair treatment of some members or unreasonable lack of information.

Playing the waiting game at MSCC

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

Mr John Whittaker, the Isle of Man property developer with 60 per cent of the votes in The Manchester Ship Canal Company, says that his recent tentative offer for the remainder of the shares will not be increased.

The Department of the Environment's decision over planning permission for the proposed 300-acre retail park on MSCC land at Dumplington is also unlikely to be announced before next April, he added.

Mr Whittaker was contributing to the latest episode in the long-running saga of control over The Manchester Ship Canal Company. A week ago Greathey, a family company owned by his parents, suggested buying out the balance of the shares for £120 million.

MSCC owns a site, known as Trafford Park, which is one of three proposals for retail developments in the Manchester area. MSCC's value, with plans for a 1 million sq ft of shopping space, a subsidized leisure centre, and a possible Olympic site, is the cause of bitter dissension among shareholders. They include Mr Nicholas Berry, chairman of Harrap publishing group, Prudential Assurance, Globe Investment Trust, the Carroll Group and the 1,000-strong Smaller Shareholders' Protection Association.

These minority shareholders, some of whom spearheaded bitter opposition to Mr Whittaker when he took over the Ship Canal company last year, immediately rejected the approaches made last week by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, representing the company's independent directors.

The suggested offer was for £20.70 for each ordinary and £9.30 for each preference share.

This was in contrast with the suspension price of £15 for the ordinary shares giving a stock market capitalization of £78 million. The shares were requoted when the informal talks broke down last Wednesday at £21. Mr Berry maintains that the company is worth £270 million.

Mr Whittaker emerged this week to say the £120 million figure was based on an independent valuation of the company. This calculation included land values and a proportion for developers' profits. It was conducted by Dunlop Heywood, the chartered surveyer, and agreed with BZW after negotiation. An earlier valuation in December 1986 calculated the shares at £3 each.

"You cannot make strides like that again in value. The site is by no means certain to get planning permission and it would be impossible to put any odds on." Mr Whittaker said. "In the meantime the company requires a high degree of commitment for maintenance, dredging, looking after locks and sluices – it is very high cost port. That is why no dividend is paid and I take no director or management fees or expenses. We are working on a long scale timetable for returns.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pifco beats forecasts with rise to £2.02m

Shares in Pifco, the Manchester electrical appliance manufacturer, jumped 31p to 280p yesterday, following an increase in pre-tax profits to £2.02 million, up from £1.56 million, in the year ended April. The figures were significantly better than market expectations. Sales, however, grew only marginally to £19.03 million. The company owns three well-known brands — Pifco, Salton and House of Carmen. The most recent acquisition was House of Carmen, the hair dryer-to-heated roller manufacturer, which was bought in 1987 for £845,000. Previously, Pifco failed with its bids for Russell Hobbs and Swan.

The company plans to make further acquisitions in the small appliances market. Earnings per shares have grown from 24.9p to 35.8p. The company announced a final dividend of 5.5p, making a total of 8.5p against 6.5p last year.

Falcon 58% with Godfrey

The £43 million agreed offer by Godfrey Davis, the textiles, laundry and fleet hire services company, for Falcon Industries, the portable buildings group, has gone unconditional. Godfrey Davis has received acceptances representing 58.91 per cent of Falcon's share capital. The offer remains open until further notice.

Waverley bid extension

The £29.11 million takeover bid by Waverley Cameron, the Edinburgh stationery group headed by Mr James Gulliver, for Martin Groome, the Manchester-based USM-quoted office equipment group, has been extended by 14 days. Waverley says it now owns 76.36 per cent of Martin Groome's share capital.

24% rise for Honda

Strong domestic sales, effective cost-cutting measures and price increases overseas helped boost Honda group operating profits to Y42.24 billion (£187.5 million) in the three months to end-June 30, 1988, a notional 24.3 per cent rise. The notional comparison was made because Honda has changed its business year. Lower income tax rates and higher contributions from subsidiaries and affiliates also helped raise group net income a notional 22 per cent to Y26.03 billion.

Car sales in the three-month period totalled Y601.06 billion yen, up a notional 15 per cent due to higher sales.

Tour section trims losses

Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, the coach tour to motor dealerships group, lifted pre-tax profits from £609,000 to £814,000 in the six months to end-June. There is an interim dividend of 3.5p (3p) and earnings per share are 8.4p (6.4p). Wallace Arnold tour operations trimmed first half losses from £303,000 to £185,000.

Eternit buys from T&N

Eternit, one of the largest makers of fibre cement products, has bought the outstanding 49 per cent stake in Eternit TAC, its British subsidiary from T&N, together with T&N's 49 per cent holding in Irish Tegral Group, for £7 million. CRH, the Irish building materials group, has also sold its holding in Tegral to Eteruit.

Brierley silent on plans

Sir Ron Brierley, the chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, has declined to comment on his future with the bank in the face of public calls for his resignation. Sir Ron said in Wellington that he has replied to a letter from the government to the directors of state-owned enterprises. The letter tells them to resign if they are faced with a conflict of interest when negotiating the sale of the assets to private buyers.

The government has said it plans to sell its 85 per cent holding in the BNZ and Brierley Investments. Sir Ron's investment company, has said that it is interested. Sir Ron declined to say what his response to the government letter was. He confirmed that he saw no conflict of interest in his dual position.

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Marley has room for improvement

When George Russell took over as chief executive of Marley two years ago, he vowed to make its assets work more effectively.

By selling off peripheral activities and sharpening up much of the remainder, he has done a lot to improve the quality of Marley's earnings.

The core building materials operation now accounts for 83 per cent of sales compared to 60 per cent in 1986, while the importance of other activities has fallen from 32 per cent to 5 per cent.

Like many building materials groups, Marley has also identified substantial opportunities, in these times of rising land prices, of selling surplus land holdings.

Yesterday's results contained the first notable profits from this source — £8.6 million compared to £1.2 million last time — 87 per cent of which came from the sale of a single site. Remaining properties, in the books at £28 million, could a generate profits of between £7 million and £10 million a year for the next decade.

Although Marley's management of these disposals is thoroughly professional, investors in the group are looking for expertise in the building materials — not property — market.

Conditions in Britain have been ideal for groups like Marley: demand is strong and the weather has been clement.

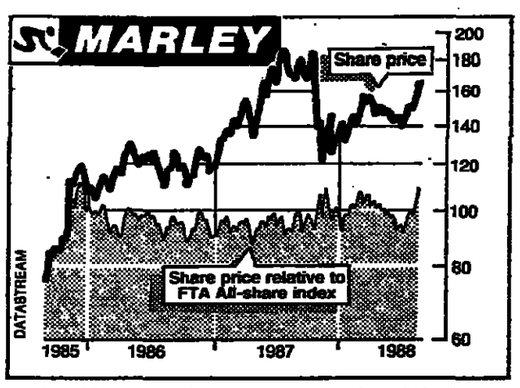
Against this background, however, Marley's 25 per cent increase after property sales may look no more than average compared to the growth some of its competitors are expected to report over the next few weeks. Marley should be doing better from bricks, plastics and concrete products.

The overseas results are frankly disappointing — down 35 per cent — even bearing in mind the slowdown in the US and a £1.3 million negative impact from currency fluctuations.

The motor components operation has also suffered from the Ford strike which knocked £0.5 million off interim profits. Investors will have to wait a while longer to see the exciting prospects sketched out for this business. Marley aims to take its market share up from 11 per cent to 20 per cent in three years.

There is no firm evidence as yet of a predator, but there has been strong institutional buying behind the high volumes.

Without a bid the shares seem fully rated on a prospective p-e of 10 times on pre-tax profits of about £70 million.



Weir Group

The economic upsurge has reached fully into the capital goods business, and that makes life sweet for Weir, the pumps and engineering group. For the first six months to July 1, pre-tax profits are up 26 per cent to £7.8 million and earnings 23 per cent ahead at 10.2p per share, adjusting for the new accounting treatment of finance leases which knocks £86,000 pre-tax off last year's figure.

There is more evidence of buoyancy in the order books. During the first six months, £95 million worth were taken, compared with last year's annual sales of £137 million. This is particularly impressive when one of Weir Group's main markets, the oil industry, is still in the doldrums.

With turnover of £87 million in the first half, Mr Ron Garrick, the chief executive, should have little trouble delivering the £170 million turnover and £17 million profit the market had already pencilled in for 1988 as a whole.

The shares have already come up 20p to 249p since the annual report less than two months ago, and now probably sell at around 11 times prospective earnings.

The dividend has also come in for welcome expansion. For the first half, it is up 80 per cent to 2.25p net. Weir is keeping its options open by saying this is partly to reduce the disparity between interim and final. But it would be disappointing if last year's 4.5p total was not raised by at least a third, giving a yield of 3.2 per cent.

That would not be an enticing rating for a capital goods group near the top of a boom. But under present management, Weir has had an outstanding five-year record.

It continues to do sensible things. The purchase of the Mather & Platt pump business and, recently, the rights to WH Allen pumps have given the group a strong British market position and exporting base.

The merger of its turbo-drilling business with Alsthom (with a right to full buyout) comes when the oil business is improving again. Weir has taken a strategic stake in neighbour Howden and has a general air of confident enterprise.

The shares still look sound value.

Queens Moat Houses

Queens Moat Houses may like to say that when it made a series of hotel acquisitions in continental Europe last October, it was done with at least half an eye on 1992.

But the bald fact is that hotel prices have moved out of sight in Britain: for the first time since the 1960s, it now cheaper on the whole to build new hotels than to acquire them.

Even on the continent, the story is the same. Whereas Queens Moat was able to acquire its West German hotels less than a year ago at an average cost of between £47,000 and £50,000 a bedroom, prices have now zoomed up to between £75,000 and £100,000 a bedroom.

In Britain, Queens Moat may be prepared to pay up to £100,000 a room in the south of England, but for the very few that are available in reasonable condition, the competition is fierce.

Hence the group's building programme, accompanied by a major refurbishment of all its hotels. This year, it is budgeting to spend around £8 million on the seven new hotels it has in progress, and between £35 million and £40 million on its existing properties, more than double last year's amount.

In addition to new carpets and curtains, refurbished properties will also have extensions built for conference and banqueting facilities to cater predominately for the business user.

Queens Moat's optimistic spending programme is vindicated by the surge in hotel occupancy rates. This year, it has seen them rise from 62 per cent to 65 per cent. Tariffs are up 9 per cent. Food and beverage prices have not increased by much, but turnover benefits from the higher volume in bedrooms.

Weekend occupancy remains low, but the group is promoting the use of its function rooms for weddings, parties and dinner dances.

For the year as a whole, analysts are looking for profits in the £38 million to £42 million range. The prospective multiple is 14.6, which looks about right.

Quick-fit workshops win on car repairs

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

Motorists who do most of their own repairs give up when it comes to fitting tyres and exhausts and turn to quick-fit centres, says a new survey on the British car parts market.

One in three motorists questioned by Euromonitor, the market research group, had had tyres changed in the past year. More than one in four had had an exhaust installed in the same period.

Professional maintenance outlets receive little praise for price or value for money, but the survey reveals that most motorists are satisfied with the performance of the outlet they use. Friendliness is an important factor with women customers.

Few motorists, if any, carry out all their own servicing work. And most motorists who do their own work undertake it to save on costs.

They also tend to be younger, male and of a lower social class than company car drivers who are ABC1, between 35 and 44 years old and drive an average of 13,300 miles a year in a Ford or Vauxhall fleet model, says Euromonitor, which surveyed 953 motorists.

Although company car drivers make some repairs for convenience, the group of car owners who perform virtually no DIY repairs includes many women. However, if this group decides to get its hands oily, it is to change plugs, oil and light bulbs.

The next most popular activities include the replacement of filters and brake parts — the elements of basic servicing, says Euromonitor. Only 14 per cent of motorists surveyed carried out a full service in the last year.

Independent high street shops score as the most likely place to buy parts, while independent repair shops have the edge over main dealerships when it comes to professional repairs.

The exception is with new cars. They are maintained under warranty or at the dealership of purchase.

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Property and land sales boost Hutchison Whampoa to £115m

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Mr Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong businessman, yesterday revealed increased profits for Hutchison Whampoa and Cheung Kong, his two flagship companies.

Profits of Hutchison Whampoa, which is involved in trading, hotels, retailing and container terminals, rose by 10.8 per cent to HK$1,524 million (£115 million) in the first six months of 1988.

The profits include an extraordinary item of HK$603 million, mostly profits from the sale of land and property, but Mr Li said: "The group's businesses continue to perform well and its cash flow remains strong."

The firm is to increase its interim dividend from 10.6 cents a share to 13 cents.

His Cheung Kong property empire made interim after-tax profits up 27.5 per cent to HK$1,081 million and a 36 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 8 cents a share, well above analysts' expectations.

Mr Li said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the property market for the current year though there had been a slow down in sales in the past few months.

"This is probably healthy for the market's long-term development. The present situation is basically sound and property prices are still at affordable levels," he said.



Cautiously optimistic about property market: Li Ka-Shing

Mr Li is now the biggest property developer in the Crown Colony. His Hutchison Whampoa flagship and its 62 per cent-owned investment vehicle Cavendish International this year arranged a HK$1.8 billion loan facility to help fund a property development on the south side of Hong Kong island which will not be finished until 1995, two years before the Colony is handed back to China.

His AS Watson chemists shops, part of the Hutchison empire, has 210 outlets and has expanded into Taiwan, Macau and Singapore.

Mr Li's hotels — the Hong Kong Sheraton and the Hilton, both through Cavendish — had a successful year, he said, on the back of a tourist boom.

His businesses also include cellular mobile telephones and paging ship repairing, China trade, and engineering.

Mr Li is reckoned to have arranged to invest about HK$27 billion in the Colony over the past year but he has been just as active overseas. In December 1986 he paid HK$2.7 billion for a 43 per cent stake in Husky Oil, a Canadian oil company, and last year he bought a 4.9 per cent holding in Cable and Wireless. He has a near 10 per cent holding in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce worth about HK$2 billion and property in the United States worth some US$20 million (£11.91 million). He also has a HK$94 million stake in Cluff Oil, the British oil company.

He has also paid C$320 million (£155 million) for the development rights to the Expo '87 site, in Vancouver, through a consortium.

Yesterday Mr Li said Husky is to take over Canterra Energy, a Canadian firm. "This will bring to Husky top quality Western Canadian light oil and gas reserves and a leading position in the sulphur business, which will improve Husky's overall balance as a leading Canadian energy producer," he said.

Victaulic interim rises 11%

By Carol Ferguson

Victaulic, the plastics company which came to the market last May with a £46 million price tag, has released its first set of results since the flotation. Interim pre-tax profits to June 30 were up 11 per cent to £3.65 million on turnover up 25 per cent to £31.4 million.

The rise in pre-tax profits was distorted by an exceptional charge of £260,000 for redundancies and reorganization in the polymers division.

An interim dividend of 3p net per share was declared. The shares were unchanged yesterday at 268p, which is 33p ahead of the 235p flotation price.

Mr David Stewart, managing director of Victaulic, said that excluding the effects of acquisitions, turnover was up by 20 per cent.

He said that the metal pipe couplings and fittings business, Viking Johnson, which accounts for 35 per cent of turnover, enjoyed strong demand from the water industry. It had also developed a successful new range of pipe couplings for the water industry.

He added that the Stewarts & Lloyds Plastics subsidiary, which accounts for another 35 per cent of turnover, also had a buoyant year. "Demand from the gas industry continued to increase and we are making inroads into the water industry. Polythene pipe is the preferred material in the gas industry where it is replacing iron and to a lesser extent steel."

SA 'unable to pay back $11bn debt'

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South Africa's gold and foreign reserves have slumped to a level whereby it will be unable to repay debts of $11 billion (£6.54 billion) in current circumstances, says Dr Chris Stals, the director general of finance.

According to Dr Stals, the reserves have declined to a level where they are barely enough to cover imports for two months. He stressed that South Africa remained resolved to honour its debt commitments included in the standstill net of $300 million a year through to 1990-91. But the $11 billion debt, which fell outside the net, was being discussed with overseas banks, he says.

At the end of July, South Africa's gold and currency reserves stood at just under $2.3 billion, a 28 per cent drop from the $3.17 billion at the end of 1987.

The government's answer has been to impose a series of savage measures, including an 18 per cent increase in the price of petrol, tighter hire purchase terms and import tariff increases of up to 60 per cent.

COMPANY BRIEFS

JOS HOLDINGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: n/a
NAV: 199.8 (242.0)p
Div: 3.2 mkg 4.25p
Capitalizsation issue of ordinary shares of 1 for every 4 held by members on register at close of business on 30/9/88

PENNINE OPTICAL (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.09 (£0.05)m
EPS: 2.7 (1.5)p
Div: nil
No interim dividend will be paid as it is company's present policy to retain funds to assist in growth of business.

PROPERTY TRUST (Fin)
Loss: £0.14 (£0.89)m
LPS: 0.02 (0.28)p
Div: nil
Turnover £3.38 (£0.88)m. The company has entered into conditional agreements for substantial acquisitions.

Scantronic buys US firm for £5m

By Wolfgang Münchau

Scantronic Holdings, the acquisitive producer of alarm systems, yesterday announced the purchase of the American Acron Corporation in a cash deal worth $8.75 million (£5.2 million).

The deal follows a number of other recent acquisitions by Scantronic in the same sector. Last week, Scantronic and Automated Security Holdings took a 40 per cent stake in the distributor, Gardiner Group.

Scantronic said yesterday it hoped to achieve lower component and raw material costs through the increased size and negotiating power of the combined business.

In the year ended February, Acron Corporation, based in Lakewood, New Jersey, made a pre-tax profit of $1.44 million on sales of $7.17 million, which compares with Scantronic's results of £2.05 million pre-tax profits on sales of £16.07 million in the year ended March.

The market for intruder alarms is growing by between 15 and 20 per cent a year. In the UK, Scantronic claims to have 52 per cent of the market.

The Acron deal will be financed by a rights issue of 9.8 million new convertible preference shares, at 100p per share, on a 7-for-25 (ordinary shares) or 7-for-375 (convertible preference shares) basis.

Scantronic's shares yesterday fell from 116p to 110p.

Growth in tourism lifts Cathay airline

From Our Correspondent, Hong Kong

Cathay Pacific, the Hong Kong airline, yesterday announced after-tax profits up 23.2 per cent to HK$1,021 million (£77 million) for the six months ended June.

The Colony's flag carrier has benefited from a tourist boom on the back of a weak local currency which has resulted in it flying almost three million passengers in the first six months of this year, 20 per cent more than during the same period in 1987.

Cargo revenues increased by almost 25 per cent.

"The growth in both air passenger and cargo markets, particularly within the Asian region, continues with little sign of abatement," said Mr David Gledhill, the chairman.

The interim dividend is being raised from 7.5 cents a share to 9 cents.

The Hong Kong dollar is linked to the US currency which has had a tough time despite some recent strengthening. Most of Cathay's earnings are in foreign currencies and the weak local dollar also helped exports.

During the six months the airline bought two Tristars and in July it brought a sixth extended upper-deck Boeing 747 into service. Two more Tristars have been ordered and by the end of this year Cathay Pacific will have 30 aircraft in the air, 16 of which will be jumbo jets.

Electrolux up 20% at half time

Stockholm (Reuter) — Electrolux, the electrical appliance group, reported that its restructuring after a rapid expansion was now paying off, resulting in a 20 per cent increase in profits in the first half of this year. Profits, after financial items, rose to 1.81 billion kronor (£165 million) on a turnover of 36.07 billion kronor.

Electrolux said: "Demand in the group's main markets continued to be good during the period, with the exception of a downward trend in the US market. Favourable trends were also reported for group operations in South America and the Far East."

Profits have been affected in recent years by the Electrolux policy of buying struggling companies and then rationalizing and restructuring them. Prime candidates were Italy's Zanussi and the US White Consolidated Industries. The policy has shown an 18 per cent increase in profits in 1987 to 3.06 billion kronor, while the latest 20 per cent profits rise was in line with the more optimistic of analysts' forecasts.

Meanwhile, Electrolux has asked permission from the Barcelona stock exchange to make a public offer for all available shares in Unidad Hermetica, a Spanish company. The offer values the company at 5.51 billion pesetas (£26.2 million). Unidad manufactures compressors for the white goods industry and other sectors.

LDDC report emphasizes social and community benefits of development

Jobs up by a third in reborn Docklands

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The number of jobs in the London Docklands has risen by just over a third to 36,385 in the wake of the £4.4 billion private sector investment in the development area since 1981.

The Docklands turnaround — it was in 1985 that the creation of jobs finally began to exceed jobs lost — is detailed in the London Docklands Development Corporation's annual report and accounts for the year to March.

Before the Docklands developments began the number of jobs had been falling steadily, plumbing the greatest depths in 1983, when only an estimated 25,000 jobs were available in the area. Since the positive balance was struck in 1985, the situation has substantially improved, the report says.

Job creation became crucial after the corporation ran into criticism for not doing enough for the original Docklands communities.

However, there has been an increasing emphasis over the past year on the social and community aspects of regeneration, says Sir Christopher Benson, chairman of the LDDC, in his report.

"We believe it is vital that the corporation plays a major role in helping the old Docklands communities to feel part of the new developments that have sprung up during the past few years, and this is where we are now directing much of our energies," he says. "As the changes take place it is essential to integrate the old and new, to give the best of both."

But he admits that achieving harmony between old and new residents is "not an easy task."

Development land disposal in many areas is nearing completion. Sir Christopher says, and the final thrust must be in the provision of amenities and environmental treatment to provide lasting improvement to the lives of those living and working in the area.

Developers were being told to look to the needs of local communities when drawing up plans.

An instance of the community gaining from development is expected to be given by the Olympia and York project at Canary Wharf, which is intended to provide a minimum of 2,000 local jobs as well as training in the skills that will be needed.

The report notes that car parking was now becoming a contentious matter, and the LDDC is studying ways of providing more parking, particularly on the Isle of Dogs.

The ratio of private to public investment through government grant is now estimated at 10 to one. Since 1981, 5.2 million sq ft of commercial and industrial floor space had been completed, and a further 5.9 million square feet is under construction. So far 8,782 homes have been built, and work has begun on a further 6,218.



Benson: seeking harmony

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Jourdan sells Mary Quant and reveals investigation

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Thomas Jourdan, the consumer products group which makes trouser presses to hi-fi cabinets, has severed its links with Mary Quant after 17 years.

But as it announced the £3 million sale of the cosmetics royalties company, which bore the fashion designer's name, it also revealed that five directors have left Jourdan's nursery products subsidiary after a detailed financial investigation.

Alarm bells sounded when Rochingham Babycrafts' finance director resigned on April 11, taking compensation worth £10,000 awarded by the managing director.

Mr Keith Whitten, the Jourdan chairman, said that the group started a routine investigation which, after two stocktakes in April and June, revealed substantial financial irregularities relating to stock and debtors in 1987.

"The managing director was dismissed and three other directors and managers of Rochingham have since left. A new finance director has been appointed.

"It is apparent that Rochingham did not trade as profitably as was stated in 1987 and has incurred a trading loss in certain of its activities of £127,000 in the first six months of 1988," said Mr Whitten.

Further action may be taken on professional advice, he added.

Mr Whitten said that Rochingham customers, who include Boots and Mothercare, have been sympathetic.

Rochingham would be returned to profitability as soon as possible, said Mr Whitten.

"The mattress division in particular is enjoying considerable success with its new combustion modified foam safety mattress which is the market leader. Adjustments to the 1987 accounts will be made at the year end."

Group pre-tax profits for the half year to June 30 rose by 49 per cent to £935,000 compared with £627,000 last year. Turnover went from £7 million to £12.7 million in the same period and there is an 11 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1.5p. The shares gained 12p to 140p.

Knightsbridge Design, the Mary Quant income vehicle which contributed profits of £247,000 in 1987, has been sold for £2.94 million cash to Club Cosmetics, a Japanese cosmetics manufacturer.

Japan is the mainstay of sales for the fashion designer's branded hosiery, make-up and footwear products.

The upmarket Woodstock kitchen furniture subsidiary, which sells installations retailing from £15,000 to £60,000, has a good order book until Christmas and is developing its range of free-standing furniture.

Corby, the heated trouser press subsidiary, is trying to win a more youthful market.

Mr Whitten said the company had gained good results through *The Sharper Image*, an American catalogue targeted at young men. The group hopes to install presses in American hotels.

The cosmetic brush division has won fewer orders and Far East competition is keen.

Unerman Holdings, a new acquisition, has benefited from the upsurge in the fortunes of the furniture industry and Suncrest Surrounds has overcome its production problems of last year.

Yard is likely buyer of NEL

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The National Engineering Laboratory (NEL), put up for sale by the Government in June, looks likely to go to Yard, a Glasgow engineering services company.

A Yard proposal which is being discussed closely involves the management and staff at NEL, said the Department of Trade and Industry. One of nine bids for NEL was a management buyout, with other staff involvement, led by the NEL director, Dr Donald Bell.

A firm conclusion in favour of Yard, part of the CAP-CPP group ranging from financial services to computer software, will depend on satisfactory terms being agreed, the DTI said.

NEL has an annual cost base of £21 million and employs 620, all based at East Kilbride where the extensive laboratory and other facilities cover about 70 acres.

The DTI said it had concluded that proposals involving a combination of Yard and the current management and staff appeared the most promising route for privatizing NEL. The next phase of discussions would concentrate on developing this approach.

The DTI added: "Detailed planning for the future of NEL will need to be considered fully. The discussions will take account of the need to focus NEL's efforts and resources as closely as possible on industry's needs and the attainment of full economic viability."

It was aiming at an early agreement to minimize uncertainty for staff, customers and suppliers, the DTI added.

NEL provides a range of services to engineering industries and carries out research in the various sectors of mechanical engineering science. About half its staff are scientists and other technically qualified staff.

It tests, among other things, for flow measurement to British standards. It has also done much work on emerging technologies – one being the use of reinforced plastics in structural components. Ceramics and casting technology are other new areas being investigated.

Yard has a staff of about 760 and provides services in many fields of engineering as well as computer systems and software. Its CAP parent recently merged with Sema-Metra, the French consultants.

COMMENT

Sharks are gathering in investment trust waters

No doubt Arthur Scargill is pleased at the sight of the City's largest investment trust group squirming under the attentions of his industry's pension funds. Certainly, Touche Remnant itself has plenty to be worried about.

The British Coal Pension Funds' bid should prove attractive enough to the shareholders of Touche Remnant Industrial & General. They are being offered a mere 8 per cent discount to the net assets underlying TRIG shares – roughly half as much as the discount on Tuesday and far less than the 20 per cent below net asset value at which most general investment trusts trade.

At the same time, the coal industry pension funds are keeping something for themselves. If the bid is successful, they receive assets worth £610 million for an outlay of only £560 million.

The bid only underlines the plight of the TR group, riddled with political infighting and a succession of bids for its funds. TR has weakened itself by successive boardroom squabbles that led to the departure of Peter Gray last year, originally brought in from Crown Agents to give the group more cohesion and direction.

Only the group's ownership structure seems relatively secure. TRIG is the largest shareholder in TR Holdings with a 27 per cent stake, worth about £10 million. It is inconceivable that TRH will allow the coal pension funds to hold on to this. The rest of TRH is owned by the other investment trusts which automatically become entitled to buy TRIG's holding as soon as any single shareholder owns more than 25 per cent of TRIG. This is almost certainly what will happen if the bid succeeds, leaving Liberty Mutual Insurance's 15 per cent stake in TRH as the only outside shareholding.

But it is equally unlikely that the pension funds will leave TRH to carry on managing TRIG. In its previous purchase of an investment trust, Drayton Premier, the pension funds took the management under their own wing. If they do the same this time, TR stands to lose one third of its total investment trust assets and more than 17 per cent of the group's total £3.5 billion of funds under management. Unless, of course, the pension funds offer some sort of compromise to sweeten the bid for TRIG's management.

The bid also emphasizes the attractions of buying investment trusts in general. Constructing bid-proof share structures has proved an extremely complex business and most trusts remain highly vulnerable. As one analyst put it: "Once there's blood in the water, the sharks always gather." There is plenty of blood around TR just at the moment and it is seeping into the water around the whole investment trust sector.

Credit controls still in play

Throughout this summer's long and occasionally overheated debate on overheating, the Government has maintained the line that one thing that is not under consideration is the re-introduction of credit controls. The Chancellor has stressed the relatively minor contribution of consumer credit to total personal sector debt, while controls have been dismissed on both ideological and technical grounds.

The August National Institute *Review*, which has as its main recommendation a partial reversal of recent cuts in direct taxation – on present form about as likely as Nigel Lawson winning the 100 metres in the Seoul Olympics – examines the question of credit controls in detail.

The conclusion, by former Treasury economist Jon Shields, is that while controls would have to be in a different form to those prevailing in the 1960s and 1970s, some form of direct restraint on credit remains possible and in some cases could be preferable to the indefinite raising of interest rates.

The Treasury's argument that only a small proportion of personal debt can be regarded as consumer credit, in the sense of borrowing on Access or Barclaycard or hire purchase loans is, of course, something of a red herring. If it is easier and cheaper for people to obtain credit via mortgages they will do so.

With more than 80 per cent of new borrowing by households secured against property, any new controls would have to operate mainly in this area. Mr Shields suggests three possibilities – ceilings on the proportion of the value of a property that can be borrowed, limits on repayment periods and taxation, either of new loans, or of interest payments.

All three have important drawbacks. The ceiling would have to be applied at a level which would cover those people who are currently most highly geared in the housing market, leaving a considerable slack to be taken up by the rest. Limiting repayment periods could have a devastating effect on first-time buyers.

Taxing new loans would be less distorting than quantitative controls although it might also be less effective, given the fairly low response of consumer borrowing to the cost of that borrowing. Even so, it is clear that a determined government could, however imperfectly, exert some restraining effect on credit through controls or taxation.

The fact that this Government is highly unlikely to do so will add to the belief that base rates have further to rise. The authorities are keen to allow that 3.5 point rise in base rates since early June time to work through. A continuation of yesterday's weakness of sterling, perhaps in response to today's all-important trade figures, may not give them the luxury of doing so.

Half-time £34m for Marley

By Alexandra Jackson

Property profits and a strong domestic market pushed pre-tax profits at Marley, the building materials company, up from £25.1 million to £34.2 million in the six months to end-June. Mr George Russell, the chief executive, said he expected 1988 to be a record year.

The market was prepared for the substantial uplift in property profits from £1.2 million to £8.6 million, as Marley's sale of a 28-acre site at Poole, Dorset, in January, was announced in the spring.

An interim dividend of 8.5p was declared, up from 6.7p.

Group sales were maintained at £181 million, but masked a rise in British sales from £169.2 million to £204.7 million and an overseas drop from £111.9 million to £76.6 million. Some £40 million sales lost after disposals were made up by strong growth from building materials.

Market sources say that up to 10 per cent of Marley's equity has changed hands in the last six weeks. Mr Russell said nothing had been unearthed on the share register so far. Institutional interest in Marley is strong, after presentations last month about the property portfolio.

Mr Russell said the Aisher family, which built up Marley and retains a 10 per cent shareholding, confirmed last week its support for the management. "They have not been approached for their stake," he said.

He acknowledged the performance from the Californian roof tile operation was disappointing. Another US business, General Shale, suffered lower profits, compared with a very strong first half in 1987, while in South Africa, raw material price movements pushed the plastics business into loss.



Profits pipeline: George Russell in the City yesterday, after announcing Marley's results (Photograph: James Morgan)

Legal help for ICA members

By Carol Ferguson

Chartered accountants who are under pressure from their employers to act in a way which conflicts with their professional ethics will be entitled to free legal advice in future.

A scheme to help them has been launched by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Industrial and commercial members will be given up to two-and-a-half hours of legal advice by a solicitor from a panel of 50 law firms, appointed and paid for by the institute.

The problems which the scheme is designed to cater for are those arising from cases where firms continue to trade while insolvent, directors channelling commission to overseas bank accounts, or attempting to defraud creditors or the authorities.

The institute said yesterday that it is an important contribution to its efforts to combat fraud and dishonesty in business and commercial life.

"Experience has shown that specialist legal advice is sometimes necessary to protect the accountant's position," the institute said.

RKF announces £7.3m deal for printer Heron

By Wolfgang Münchau

RKF, the building services conglomerate headed by Mr Bob Francis, is buying Heron, an Essex-based printer of technical journals and sales promotion literature, in a £7.3 million share and cash deal.

Yesterday's announcement followed the publication of RKF's interim results, which saw pre-tax profits soar 600 per cent to £1.53 million in the six months ended June.

RKF moved into printing in December last year through the acquisition of Grange Press.

Grange contributed 26 per cent to the group's turnover and 35 per cent of operating profits.

In 1987, Heron achieved pre-tax profits of £463,000 on sales of £9.5 million. The net asset value is £5.5 million, which includes investment property in central London worth about £4 million.

RKF has also announced the acquisition of Meadowbrook Developments, which owns 50 per cent of the Francis Holmes housing joint venture, for an initial consideration of around £900,000.

RKF announced an interim dividend of 1.125p against 0.73p last year.

ECGD resumes cover on credit for Brazil

By Colin Narbrough

The Export Credits Guarantee Department, Britain's official credit insurer, yesterday signalled recognition of Brazil's efforts to improve its economy by resuming cover on medium-term credit for the debt-strapped Latin American country after a five-year break.

At the same time, it underlined the export potential this offered. Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, said: "There are great export opportunities for UK businessmen in this important and growing market."

He welcomed the recent agreements Brazil had reached with the International Monetary Fund and with other government and commercial creditors.

It was Brazil's foreign payments difficulties which caused the ECGD to suspend cover for the country in September 1983. Cover was maintained throughout on short-term loans of up to 180 days. This was extended to 12 months in January.

In 1982, the last full year when ECGD medium-term cover was available, the department backed some £132 million worth of British exports to Brazil.

Seeing stars at Orion

The four individuals axed in a "rationalization" of Orion Royal Bank's bond division – the details of which were given in yesterday's *City Diary* – claim to have been the innocent victims of political infighting between Orion, the Royal Bank of Canada – Orion's parent – and Dominion Securities, the Canadian securities house due to have its London operations merged with Orion on October 1. Indeed, their departures seem to have unearthed a mire of human misery caused by a management decision which can, at best, be described as confused. All three of the redundant traders – the fourth individual was ex-IMF and World Bank economist Kate Lebental-Gimblett – claim that they were actually trading profitably on the day that they departed. Lebental-Gimblett, I hear, was even offered a job as the senior economist at Chase Securities just nine weeks ago and turned it down only after being persuaded to stay by Barry Conway, at present managing director of Dominion and soon to become joint managing director of the merged London firm. American Mike Roche had been transferred from the New York office of Orion just five months ago, and Kim Wall had similarly been transferred from Australia. Both Roche and Wall had been obliged to buy homes here, as Orion Royal Bank offers employees subsidies on mortgages, but not rents.

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Could be anybody . . .

Few people in the Square Mile can fail to recognize the Government Broker – otherwise known as Bank of England employee Nigel Althaus – resplendent, as ever, in his large black top hat. Or so one would have thought . . . Althaus, in full traditional dress, was yesterday refused admission to the floor of the Stock Exchange where he had intended to attend to some gilt options business. One of the vigilant "waiters", employed to ensure that only Stock Exchange members and other authorized personnel set foot on the hallowed floor, turned Althaus away because he was not wearing the right badge. "One can only assume that it must have been a new waiter," the Bank says.

Lance chance

Bert Lance, who was budget director in the administration of former US President Jimmy Carter, is, I hear, on the brink of becoming a senior executive at the Leadenhall Street office of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Agha Hasan Abedi, BCCI's president, who underwent a heart transplant operation last March, has not yet fully recovered, and Lance is expected to assume some of the responsibilities currently being handled by BCCI's chief executive, Swaleh Naqvi. Abedi is a close personal friend of Carter – the two men flew to Pakistan together last year in Abedi's private aircraft and were entertained in Islamabad by the late President Zia.



"And remember, no imports"

Tripped up

Some of the aggro between the tax man and company car users could be about to vanish. An American accountant has invented a device which automatically records mileage on a computer. The computer hooks up to a car's drive-shaft, records mileage details for up to 50 trips, and even makes a printout of the readings. It is activated simply by pressing a start button at the beginning of each trip. The cost is also impressive – the basic device sells for about $4.

Tanks for a memory

Michael Cole, the BBC's Royal correspondent who leaves soon to become media director for House of Fraser Holdings, tells me that yesterday's report of his £85,000 salary was, unfortunately, exaggerated. I must have mistaken him for one of those chat show hosts whose agents talk in telephone numbers. Meanwhile, a tiny part (forgive the pun) of his new job will be to contain the more extreme assertions of Lonrho chief executive Tiny Rowland. But as a former war correspondent, Cole should be well able to cope. It will, in any case, not be the first time their paths have crossed. Cole recalls an acrimonious House of Fraser egm in the early 1980s when Professor Roland Smith made the immortal statement to Rowland: "Get your tanks off my lawn." When the meeting was over, Cole asked the gentlemen in question to shake hands, for the benefit of his BBC News cameras. The professor apparently replied: "If I shook hands with him I would have to count my fingers," whereupon Tiny responded: "You would."

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's discipline

From the Chairman of Lloyd's

Sir, Mr Lucas's letter in your business section today (August 18) consists mainly of ill-informed abuse but there are, perhaps, two points which are worth making in reply.

First, the "scandals" at Lloyd's, now in the past, have been painstakingly and efficiently dealt with by Lloyd's itself. As the Neill Report concluded "there is no reason to doubt the probity with which investigatory and disciplinary measures have been applied by the Council of Lloyd's . . . It is certainly beyond doubt that no blame can be attached to Lloyd's for the fact that public prosecutions have not been instituted."

In other words, we have used our own disciplinary procedures with vigour; we have co-operated in full with the Director of Public Prosecutions; and it is a matter of regret to the Council of Lloyd's, a fact publicly expressed on many occasions, that he has not always felt able to take criminal action against those concerned.

Second, the number of resignations from Lloyd's this year is undoubtedly higher than usual. It has so far reached about 1,100 and may well rise to around 1,700 by the end of the year. Seen against the huge increase in membership from 21,600 in 1983 to 33,500 today this number of resignations can hardly be regarded as significant and is even less significant expressed as a percentage of our current market capacity of £11 billion.

The number of new names coming forward for membership this year and those existing members wishing to increase their underwriting is limited by the availability of profitable business in the market at the present stage of the insurance cycle.

As for Mr Lucas's remarks about amateurism and incompetence, perhaps it is enough for me to observe that Lloyd's contribution to the United Kingdom balance of payments in 1987 rose, against the trend for the City as a whole, and now represents more than one-quarter of the City's total overseas earnings and almost twice the net earnings of the entire United Kingdom banking sector.

In present trading circumstances it is, to say the least, doubtful whether that could have been achieved if Lloyd's as a market had been as ineffective as Mr Lucas would seem to believe.

Yours faithfully,

MURRAY LAWRENCE,
Chairman, Lloyd's of London,
1 Lime Street, EC3.
August 18.

Balancing liability

From Janet Middleton

Sir, Before the Lloyd's Bill was enacted, and while I was chairman of The Association of External Members of Lloyd's, I, with several members of that committee and much help from others associated with Lloyd's, organised petitions to Parliament with a view to producing more equitable participation between Lloyd's and its external members.

We did not then attack the sacred cow of unlimited liability. However, with 1992 looming up, firstly I would like to see amending legislation to the Lloyd's Act to limit the liability of underwriting members, and secondly I see no reason why members' agencies should not be owned mutually by their underwriting members and run by salaried executives, be they members of Lloyd's or not. At present, members' agencies are companies with limited liability, expected to produce profits for their owners regardless of the losses which may be incurred by their members with unlimited liability.

Yours faithfully,

JANET MIDDLETON
Birdsall House, Malton,
North Yorkshire.
August 22.

Glaring omission

From S.J. Bewsey

Sir, May I point to one glaring omission from the timetable in the penultimate paragraph of C.L.A. Lucas's letter re Lloyd's, namely the time rightly devoted to checking with one's underwriter colleagues the answers to each day's *Times* crossword puzzle?

Yours faithfully,

S.J. BEWSEY,
Lloyd's, London. August 22.

Great despair and great opportunity

From M.G. Dawson

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Lucas's letter (August 18) on his views of the picture of Lloyd's.

I am not going to rise to many of his provocations but would like to assure Mr Lucas that we in Lloyd's are very much aware of our critics. I would also like to add the following observation: "The greater the despair, the greater the opportunity for profit."

It was in the late 1970s and early 1980s that many of our present problems were written: at a time when Lloyd's could do no wrong. Judging by the despair in Mr Lucas's letter we could be in for a good few years!

Yours etc.

M.G. DAWSON,
15 Dalyell Road, SW9.
August 18.

Sober-sided welcome to the club

From Mr E. Woodham-Smith

Sir, Although appreciating that Mr C.L.A. Lucas's letter (August 18) was humorous, I would like to observe that the Lloyd's where I have been working for all of the last five days — pre-A level work experience — is a different world to that he enjoyed.

I am in Box 356, and we start work at 8am to suit our customers — the brokers — and no one has yet breathed brandy and cigars over me.

As to the necessity or desirability of underwriters and brokers being academics may I comment on that when I see my A level results in two years' time.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD WOODHAM-SMITH (aged 16),
21 Nevern Square, SW5.
August 19.

Hanson's image

From Professor L.S. Pressnell

Sir, Your very pertinent comments in today's *Times* (August 17) on Hanson shares made me wonder about one possibly important aspect.

Accepting all your very relevant remarks on why Hanson shares "drag the floor" on a low p/e ratio, could there be also the adverse consideration that Hanson is now, to some extent, a "tobacco share" and therefore a share which many investors will shun? Moreover, until the disposal of Courage, Hanson had also become a "beer share," similarly shunned by some investors.

In short, did the apparently successful acquisition of Imperial seriously damage Hanson's market "image"?

Interestingly, in the numerically small "tobacco" sector, the p/e ratio of BAT, likewise a conglomerate with a notable "tobacco identification," is at 8.7 — not much different from Hanson's 9.0. I take it that Rothmans' higher 9.7 has something to do with its highly successful recent record.

Yours sincerely,

L.S. PRESSNELL,
Professor of Economic & Social History,
University of Kent,
Canterbury. August 17.

Government's duty to protect investors

From Mr Peter Abbott

Sir, I read Mr Clifford Jeans's letter (August 18) concerning the Barlow Clowes affair. With hindsight, I am sure that many of the investors in BC will recognise their naivety. Unfortunately, naivety can only be recognised with acquired wisdom.

Mr Jeans has not quite grasped the situation. It was not the proposed investment which was wrong. Government securities are about as safe an investment as one can buy. If the pensioner in question had invested his £60,000 in gilts his capital would have been more or less safe. Certainly not subject to catastrophic loss.

A parallel situation would have occurred if Mr Jeans had engaged an agent to place his cash in several building societies, and the agent had then found a way to cash the cheque and lend the proceeds to his friends and use it for his own purposes, the agent completing the fraud by sending well-produced monthly statements together with "interest payments" from his client's capital.

This Government has set out to make investors of ordinary people. Only a few years ago these people would not have considered investing outside the bank or building society.

The Government can create new investors but it can't create financially aware investors. Many of its creatures are certain to be naive and ripe for the sort of con perpetrated by Mr Clowes. The Government has an obvious responsibility to protect them by a very thorough licensing procedure and the compulsory insuring of investors against fraud.

Presumably, the Government believes that investment by ordinary people in situations outside of the bank and the building society is beneficial to the economy, i.e., profitable to the taxpayer.

If investors are abused as a result of the Government's failure to act effectively to protect them, which seems to be the case in the BC affair, is it not reasonable that some of the profit made for the taxpayer by the new large-scale personal investment should be used to compensate them for their loss?

Yours faithfully,

PETER ABBOTT,
Ceol Eite, Achnacreebeag,
North Connel, Argyllshire.
August 18.

Cloudy Night

From Mr R.M. Langton

Sir, I can well imagine Pernod becoming IDG's White Knight (August 22) but surely only if you added water to it; but then wouldn't it become their Cloudy Night?

Yours sincerely

R.M. LANGTON,
42 Chiswick Staithe,
Hartington Road, W4.
August 22.

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25th August 1988

STOCK MARKET

Geest shares jump on talk of bid from Northern Foods

The food sector returned to the takeover spotlight yesterday as speculators piled into the shares of Geest, the fruit and vegetable importer, as the word went round the market that the long-awaited bid from **Northern Foods**, the Park Cakes and Dale Farm Dairy Products group, is at last about to materialize.

The talk started a scramble for Geest which found market-makers short of the stock. The shares soared to 280p at one stage before boiling over to close 15 higher at 277p.

Geest came to the market less than two years ago at 125p and in the first day of dealings hit 156p. Since then, they have enjoyed periodic bouts of speculative activity on takeover talk.

Analysts have always pointed out that an offer by Northern Foods — or any other suitor — would have to be agreed by Geest which is controlled by the Geest family.

However, Mr Leonard Van Geest, the biggest family shareholder with a 40 per cent stake, is now believed to have finally succumbed to increasing pressure from the Northern board, headed by Mr Chris Haskins and to have reluctantly agreed to sell his shareholding to them.

The Kuwait Investment Office, which holds a 10 per cent stake in Geest, is also thought to have pledged its shares to Northern.

Northern Foods, itself the subject of intense takeover speculation over the years, closed 1p better at 281p following a small trade.

Elsewhere in the food sector, shares of **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, which plummeted by 50p last week when Goodman Fielder's £1.7 billion bid was referred to the Monopolies Commission, recovered 5p more to 417p.

Whispers suggest that Goodman Fielder has been approached for its 29.9 per cent stake in RHM by another predator and is about to sell.

Elsewhere, equity prices gave an erratic performance in front of today's British trade figures.

A run on the pound, which took its trade-weighted index below the psychologically important 76 level — which some economists see as the possible trigger for a further rise in base rates — prompted renewed selling.

Matters were made worse by reports that James Capel, the broker, was undertaking a small sell programme.

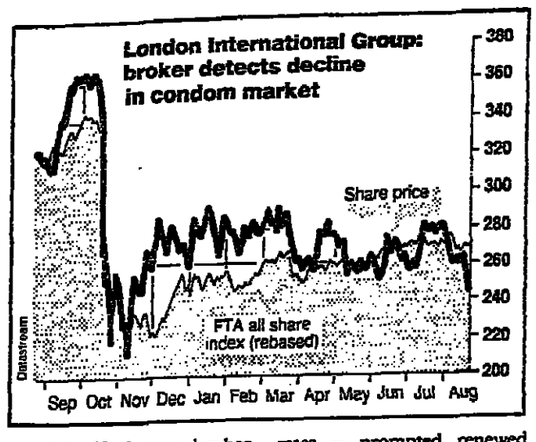
Interest remained confined to special situations before dealers marked the blue chips higher on seeing an early, strong gain on Wall Street.

The upshot was that the FT-SE 100 share index closed 1.3 points up at 1,819.2, after 1,810.9, while the narrower FT 30 share index closed 1.4 points up at 1,467.5.

Gilt-edged stocks remained friendless on dearer money fears and ended £¼ down.

London International, the consumer products and services group, dropped to 239p before recovering to close only 2p lower at 244p.

The early weakness was caused by a profits downgrading by Mr James Culverwell, an analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker. He has cut his pre-tax profit estimate for the current year from £42 million to £39.5 million.



He told *The Times*: "The key reason for my downgrading is that the growth in the condom market (LIG manufactures the Durex contraceptive) is not expanding as fast as many people had thought. A double-digit volume gain had been anticipated, but sales are currently only 8 per cent ahead."

He added that the public, including the media, seem to have become bored with the Aids problem and that, in the short-term, he could see no significant improvement in sales in the condom market.

Additionally, Mr Culverwell pointed out that LIG is also 100 per cent geared and will obviously suffer as a result of higher interest rates, while the weather will have not helped the photo-processing side of LIG's business which contributes one third of profits.

Boots, the pharmaceuticals and consumer products group, was in for lunch at Morgan Stanley, the US broker, yesterday. Sir James Blyth, the chief executive, was very "positive" about prospects. UK business has improved and second-half trading is much better. The shares closed 3p lower at 217p.

Dealers expect a bid soon for Ratcliffs (Great Bridge), the brass and copper strip maker, which closed 10p up at 153p. Bromsgrove Holdings, the engineering group, has increased its stake to 11.6 per cent and is thought to have approached the Ratcliff family for its 54 per cent.

Shares of several leading retailers gave ground after analysts at County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, slashed their current-year pre-tax profit estimates.

Burton closed 1p lower at 218p after CNW reduced its pre-tax figure from £216 million to £210 million, while **Next** cheapened by 3p to 227p on the news of a downgrading from £125 million to £118 million.

Shares of **Sears**, which have been buoyant of late on talk of a consortium bid of £2-plus, lost 2p to 137p on CNW's downgrading to £248 million from £255 million and **Storehouse** — strongly tipped to have a speculative run before the end of the month because Mountleigh, Mr Tony Clegg's property group, will soon be free to bid again — declined by 2p to 230p. CNW has trimmed its forecast by £8 million to £122 million.

Mr Nick Bubb, a stores analyst at Morgan Stanley, the US broker, strongly disagrees with CNW's action on Next. He sticks firmly to his £122 million forecast for the year.

He says that the group's Second Next Directory, the mail order catalogue which was launched recently, has really taken off with sales currently 20 per cent above budget.

Amstrad, the consumer electronics company headed by Mr Alan Sugar, moved up 2p to 221p as more than 1.3 million shares changed hands.

Investors started to get the shares on board ahead of the probable launch on September 14 of the 2000 range of 286 and 386-based business computers.

Interest is also expected to broaden ahead of the group's annual results, due out at the end of September and the promised launch of a another important product before the end of the year. Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, forecasts pre-tax profits of £153 million against £135.7 million last time.

Geoffrey Foster

NEW YORK

Dow up 17 points in opening rally

(Reuter) — Shares pulled back slightly in early trading yesterday from their opening gains. Mr James Andrews, a senior trader at Janney Montgomery Scott, said that some investors had decided overnight that Tuesday's bond market was supportive of stocks. He added: "Volume dried up on the sell side."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 17 points at 2,006.33 and gaining issues had a two to one lead over falling shares. However, trading was moderate, showing that the rally had light support, analysts said.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares closed a little firmer but off early highs, bolstered by signs that an easing dollar was taking the pressure off the Bundesbank to raise West German interest rates.

One dealer said: "It's been listless, there's almost no tendency to speak of."

The DAX 30-share index closed at 1,161.27, up 5.30 points, or 0.5 per cent, from Tuesday but off its early high of 1,163.01.

HONG KONG

Index drops 11 points

(Reuter) — Stocks gave up early gains to close lower yesterday, partly because of worse-than-expected company results. The Hang Seng index finished off by 11.84 points to 2,520.29 and the Hong Kong index was down by 8.32 to 1,663.92.

Turnover slipped to HK$475.28 million from HK$521.05 million. Brokers noted that Cathay Pacific's report at midday of a 23.2 per cent interim profit growth was below expectations of more than 30 per cent. The stock topped the active list, falling by 25 cents to HK$8.20.

TOKYO

Prices dip as investors hold back

(Reuter) — Prices closed lower in thin trading yesterday with a small morning rally fizzling out as investors took profits and assumed a wait-and-see attitude, brokers said.

Mr Bruce Babcock, an analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities (Japan), said: "People are taking a neutral position. They're basically waiting for the Bundesbank to make up its mind on Thursday."

A Bundesbank meeting today is expected to consider an interest rate rise.

The Nikkei index lost 120.28 points, or 0.43 per cent, to 27,799.67. It sank by 159.23 points on Tuesday.

Volume was a thin 600 million shares against 500 million on Tuesday, reflecting the dull sentiment. At one point in early trade, the Nikkei gained 84.21 points to 28,004.16.

SYDNEY

Bank shares help market to close firm

(Reuter) — Shares closed firmer in fairly thin trading yesterday as big bank shares and some blue chip industrials created a firm undertone for the national market. Brokers said that they were a bit surprised that the market had firmed in the afternoon after its slow, directionless start.

They described the day's trading as nervous and thin, but a good performance from the industrial sector lifted the general tone of the market. At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was 3.4 points higher at 1,632.9, after reaching a low of 1,626.3. The All-Industrials Index was up by 14.5 at 2,633.2.

The All-Resources Index lost 4.1 points to 877.8.

WALL STREET

	Aug 23	Aug 22		Aug 23	Aug 22		Aug 23	Aug 22
AMR Cp	41¼	42¼	Fedders	9⅝	9⅛	Pennzoil	71⅝	72¼
ASA	36⅜	36⅝	Fst Chicago	31⅝	32⅛	Pepsico	34⅛	34⅝
Aetna Life	47⅜	47⅝	Fst Int Bncp	50¼	50⅝	Pfizer	51	51
Allied Signal	33	32⅝	Fst Penn C	11⅝	11⅜	Phelps Dod	38⅝	39⅛
Allis Chlm	⅛	⅛	FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅞	Philip Mor	89½	90
Alcoa	48⅛	48¼	Ford Motor	47⅜	46⅝	Philip Pet	16½	16⅝
Amax Inc	21	21⅜	GAF Cp	46⅛	46⅛	Pillsbury	35⅛	35⅜
AMR Hess	26⅛	27	GTE Cp	40	40⅛	Polaroid	42⅛	42¾
Am Brands	45⅝	45⅝	Gen Cp	19⅛	19⅝	Pnmenca	27⅝	28
Am Cynmd	45⅛	45⅝	Gn Dynam	49⅜	49⅝	Proct Gble	72⅝	72⅝
Am Ele Pwr	26⅛	26½	Gen Electric	39⅛	39⅝	Pub SE Gr	23⅛	23⅝
Amexs	28⅝	28½	Gen Inst	28⅛	28½	R Nabsco	50¼	49⅞
Am Family	12	12⅜	Gen Mills	48⅛	50⅛	Raytheon	63¼	63½
Am Home	74⅛	75⅝	Gen Motors	72⅜	71⅛	Rynlds Metl	49⅛	50½
Am Int Grp	62½	61⅝	Gen Pub Ut	33⅜	33⅞	Rockwell Int	19⅜	19⅝
Am Telph	24⅜	24¼	Genesco	5⅞	5⅝	Royal Dutch	107⅝	107½
Amoco Cp	73¼	73½	Georgia Pac	36⅜	37	SFE Sopac	18⅛	18⅜
Anheuser B	29½	28⅝	Gillette	33⅜	33⅜	Sara Lee	39⅛	39⅝
Arch Dan	18⅜	18	Goodrich	45⅝	45⅝	Schlumb	33¼	33¾
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝	Goodyear	58	58⅛	Scott Paper	34⅝	34⅝
Asarco Inc	23¼	23½	Gould Inc	14⅝	14⅜	Seagram	52¼	52⅝
Ashland Oil	35	33⅝	Grace Co	24	24⅛	Sears Roeb	35	35
Atl Richfld	79⅛	79⅝	Grt Atl Pac	41¼	41⅜	Sec Pac	35⅞	34
Avon Prod	23¼	23⅜	Greyhnd	30⅞	31⅛	Shell Trans	69½	69½
Bk Boston	27⅜	27⅝	Gnuman	21⅛	21⅛	Smith Beck	45⅜	45½
Bank NY	35	35	Gulf Westn	41	40⅝	Sony Cp	51⅝	52¼
Bankamer	14⅜	14⅛	Heinz	41⅝	41½	SW Bell	38⅝	36⅝
Bars Tst NY	37¼	37½	Hercules	44⅛	45	Squibb	60⅛	61¼
Baxter	19⅝	19⅜	Hewlett Pk	44¾	44½	Sun Comp	56⅛	56⅝
Beth Steel	20¼	20⅝	Honeywell	59⅜	59⅛	TDK	76¼	78
Boeing	56⅝	57½	IC Ind	33⅜	34	TRW Inc	41	40⅝
Bosse Casc	41¾	41⅞	ITT Cp	46½	46⅝	Teledyne	320⅜	319½
Borden	52⅛	52⅜	INCO	28⅜	28⅝	Tenneco	45½	45⅝
Brstl Meyr	41⅞	40⅝	Ing Rand Wi	37⅜	36	Texaco	45⅝	45½
BP	50⅝	50⅜	Inland Steel	36⅛	36⅜	Tex Eastn	25	25⅝
Brunswick	19⅝	19⅜	IBM	110⅞	110⅝	Texas Inst	38½	38½
Burl Nth	64⅛	64⅝	Int Paper	43⅜	42⅜	Tex Util	28⅜	28⅜
CBS	158	158	Irving Bk	66⅜	66⅝	Textron	22⅜	22⅜
CMS Engy	21	21¼	Jhsn & Jhsn	80	79⅝	Travelers	33⅜	33⅜
CPC Int	47½	47⅝	K Mart	31⅜	31⅜	UAL Cp	87⅝	88⅛
CSX Cp	25	25⅛	Kaisertech	18	17⅛	USG Cp	7¼	7⅜
Camp Soup	26⅛	26⅝	Kerr McGee	35½	35¼	USX Cp	27⅛	26⅝
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	53¾	53⅝	Unilever Plc	29¾	30
Caterpillar	55⅛	55	Kraft	54½	54⅜	Un Carbide	21⅛	21⅜
Centrl SW	30⅜	30⅝	Kroger	35½	36⅛	Un Pac Cp	56⅛	56⅞
Champion	30⅛	30½	LTV Cp	3⅜	3⅜	Unisys Cp	31⅞	30½
Chase Man	27⅜	28⅛	Litton	70⅝	71⅛	Unit Brand	17⅜	17⅝
Chem Bank	31⅝	31½	Lockheed	39½	39⅝	Us West	54	53⅝
Chevron	44¼	44⅜	Lone Star	30⅛	31⅝	Utd Tech	35	35½
Chrysler	22	22	Man H'mer	28⅛	28⅜	Unocal	35⅝	35¼
Chicorp	22⅜	22½	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	70	70⅛
Clark Eq	28½	29⅜	Mapco	55⅜	55⅞	Wells Far	62⅜	63¼
Coca Cola	39⅝	38½	Marriott	26⅝	26½	Westg El	49⅛	49⅜
Colgate	41½	41¼	Mt Marietta	38⅜	39	Weyershr	23¾	23¾
Columb Gas	32⅛	32¼	Masco	24⅝	24⅞	Whirlpool	24⅝	25
Cmb'tn Eng	32¼	32	Mcdonalds	42⅞	43⅛	Woolworth	49⅛	49⅜
Cmwlth Edi	29¼	29⅜	McDonnell	63	63⅜	Xerox Cp	52⅞	53
Cons Edis	42⅜	43	Mead Cp	39⅛	38⅝	Zenith	19⅝	20¼
Consol Ng	36⅛	36½	Merck	54⅜	55			
Cont Data	20¼	21⅛	Minsta Mng	59¼	59¼			
Corning Gl	56⅝	57⅛	Mobil	42⅝	42⅞			
Crane	28⅝	29¼	Monsanto	80⅝	80½			
Curtiss W	49½	n.a	Morrtedison	13⅜	13⅛			
Data Genl	17¼	35	Morgan Jp	35¼	35⅛			
Deere Co	42⅜	41½	Motorola	42¼	42¼			
Delta Air	45¼	46⅝	NCR	53⅛	53¼			
Detroit Edi	14⅜	14¼	NL Indstrs	6½	6⅝			
Digital Eq	94⅛	92⅝	Nat Md Ent	19⅝	19¼			
Disney	60⅜	61¼	Nat Semi	9	8⅝			
Dow Chem	81⅛	81½	Norfolk Sth	27¼	27¼			
Dressr Ind	29¾	29½	NW Bancrp	32⅜	32½			
Dupont	79⅜	78¾	Occid Petl	25⅝	25⅝			
Duke Pwr	43⅜	43¼	Ogden Cp	26⅛	26⅝			
East Kodak	42	42⅝	Olin Cp	43⅛	43⅜			
Eaton Cp	73⅜	73¼	PPG Ind	40⅜	40¼			
Emerson El	27⅞	27¼	Pac Enterp	44	43⅞			
Emery Air	4⅛	4¼	Pac Gas El	16⅝	16½			
Exxon	45⅛	45	Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝			
Farah Inc	8⅛	8⅝	Penney JC	46⅜	46⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	16⅝	17¼
Alcan Alum	36⅞	36½
Algoma Stl	26	26.50
Can Pacific	21⅜	21½
Commco	19½	18¾
Con Bathrst	14¾	14½
Hawk S Can	21⅜	22¼
Hud Bay M	16⅝	18½
Imasco	24⅝	24⅝
Impenal Oil	53⅛	53⅜
Inco	35⅝	35½
Royl Trstco	15⅝	15¾
Seagram	65	65
Shelco 'A'	22¾	42¾
Thmsn N 'A'	26	26
Vamy Cp	3.40	3.35
WCT	18¾	16¼
Weston	32¾	32¾

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 22	September 9	November 24	December 5

Call options were taken out on: 24/8/88 Manley, Dunton, Marmex, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, Eagle Trust, BSR, Mowat, Butlers, Stormgard, Bristol Channel.
Put: Dunton.
Put & Call: Stormgard.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

BMSS (118p)	121
Bucknall Aust (110p)	121
Builder Gp (125p)	170 +2
Caldwell Inv	50
Christie Grp (145p)	173
City Gate	321
Colroy (150p)	156
Computer People	194
Conroy Pet	48
Eng O'seas Prop (155p)	136 -2
Erostin Group (165p)	168
European Colour	28½
Fisons N/P(205p)	34
Heritage (95p)	183
Herring Son (150p)	148
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (115p)	160 +2
Lowndes Ven.	101
Nat Telecom	143
Palmerston Hldgs	235
Rockfort	127 -1
Saunderson Elec (130p)	151
Savills (125p)	128
SCRcorp	£18[15/16] +[1/16]
Severfield-R (80p)	93
Sonic Tape (15p)	13 -½
Steetley	330 +3
Tamaris	66
Tams (John) (80p)	86 -2
Thorntons (125p)	132

RIGHTS ISSUES

Amber N/P	19 -1
Brunning Gp N/P	2½ -1½
Energy Cap N/P	¾ -1¼
F&H Gp N/P	14
NMC N/P	¾ -¼
Pleasurama N/P	67 -3
Sindall (W) N/P	3 -1
Union Scr N/P	17 +2
Wishaw N/P	5 -1

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	240	CU	516	Laporte	372	Seatchi	675
Abbey	763	Cons Gold	333	L&G	252	Sainsbury	653
Allid-Lyons	497	Cookson	188	Lloyds	377	Scot & N	585
Amstrad	1,326	Courtaulds	615	Lonrho	1,353	Sears	2,487
ASDA	285	Dalgety	589	Lucas	125	Sedgwick	939
AB Foods	206	Dee	1,255	Magnet	519	Shell	531
Argyll	1,392	Dixons	1,254	M&S	4,874	Siebe	753
BAA	274	ECC	618	Maxwell Cm	464	Slough	1,304
BET	338	Enterprise	275	MEPC	893	Smith & N	456
BTR	1,374	Ferranti	1,521	Metal Box	1,449	Smith WH	858
BAT	2,426	Fisons	2,056	Midland	553	Smiths Ind	333
Barclays	1,502	FKI Babck	802	NatWest	349	STC	670
Bass	113	Gen Acc	138	Next	870	Sten Chart	303
Beecham	1,242	GEC	6,375	Nth Food	194	Storehse	1,587
Beazer	1,716	Glaxo	473	P&O	717	Sun Alnce	501
Bensfd SW	112	Globe Inv	1,339	Pearl	213	T & N	114
BICC	243	Glynwed	221	Pearson	25	Tarmac	1,173
Blue Arrow	1,106	Granada	321	Pilkington	2,157	Tate & Lyle	252
Blue Circle	635	Grand Met	1,619	Plessey	475	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	535	GUS 'A'	303	Polly Peck	2,673	TSB	1,350
Boots	3,483	GRE	404	Prudential	907	Tesco	315
BPB	410	GKN	1,674	Racal	1,039	Thorn EMI	264
Br Aero	1,060	Guinness	781	Rk Hovis	1,048	Trafalgar	825
Br Airways	1,625	Hamm 'A'	218	Rank	206	THF	598
Br Comm	409	Hanson	7,560	R&C	89	Ultramar	446
Br Gas	3,544	H & C	155	Redland	865	Unigate	265
Br Land	789	Hawker	321	Reed	1,392	Unilever	1,123
Br Petrol	3,717	Hillsdown	862	Reuters	171	Unisd Bis	441
Telecm	3,318	IMI	76	RMC Gp	49	Utd News	81
Bunzl	n/a	ICI	1,470	RTZ	1,482	Wellcome	527
Burmah	1,975	Inchcape	972	R-Royce	2,500	Wmbrd	267
Burton	449	Jaguar	1,793	Rothmn 'B'	1,256	Williams	405
C&W	2,568	Lasmo	388	Rowntree	n/a	Wills Fab	124
Cadbury	1,082	Lactbroke	497	Royal Bank	485	Wimpey G	2,134
Coats	930	Land Sec	800	Royal Ins	465	Woolworth	884

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon...	360	38	47	55	4	11	14
('419)	420	17	28	38	14	25	27
	460	5	12	21	48	50	52
Bass...	750	45	57	67	11	25	26
('774)	800	17	28	42	35	50	52
	850	5	13	-	80	90	-
Brit Air...	140	23	26	31	2	4	7
('159)	160	9	14	17	7	13	15
	180	1	4½	-	23	25	-
Brit Corn...	220	23	27	32	5	8	10
('233)	240	9½	15	22	14	17	22
	260	3	9	15	30	33	35
Brit Gas...	160	23½	28	29	½	1⅝	3
('181)	180	7¾	13½	15	5¼	7½	9½
	200	1½	5	6½	21	21	22½
BP...	240	15	21	25	4½	7¼	13½
('246)	260	4	11	14	16	17½	25
	280	1	4¾	7	35	35	40
Cons Gold...	950	88	120	140	32	47	57
('1005)	1000	55	92	115	60	75	90
	1100	25	57	75	135	145	155
Courtauld...	300	40	-	-	1	-	-
('334)	330	18	28	37	13	17	21
	360	6	17	23	33	35	38
Cent Union...	360	17	29	36	14	20	31
('358)	390	6	17	23	36	39	48
	420	3	8	-	63	65	-
C & W...	330	53	62	70	2½	7	12
('376)	360	30	40	48	8	16	23
	390	13	21	30	25	33	36
GEC...	140	23	25	32	1	2½	4
('160)	160	7½	13	17	6½	8	11
	180	1½	4½	8	22	24	25
GKN...	300	35	44	50	2	5	11
('331)	330	14	24	28	9	15	20½
	360	3	10	16	34	36	41
Grand Met...	420	95	-	-	1	-	-
('507)	460	57	70	75	4	8½	13
	500	26	43	50	15	21	28
ICI...	900	124	150	-	3	10	-
('1011)	950	80	110	-	10	22	-
	1000	45	77	-	27	37	-
Jaguar...	1100	18	30	-	100	105	-
('266)	240	22	37	-	3	8	-
	260	16	25	33	10	17	20
	280	7	16	22	23	28	32
	300	2½	8	15	40	43	47
Land Sec...	500	86	77	88	2½	9	15
('553)	550	27	42	53	14	23	30
	600	7	17	28	50	55	60

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
2	Yorkhyde	Textiles	
3	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
4	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
5	Black (A&C)	Newspapers,Pub	
6	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
7	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
8	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
9	Asda	Property	
10	Smiths Ind (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
11	FKI Babcock (aa)	Electricals	
12	Davidson Pearce	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
14	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	Building,Roads	
15	Parkland "A"	Textiles	
16	Harland Simon	Electricals	
17	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
19	Erskine Hse	Industrials E-K	
20	Gaskell Broadloom	Textiles	
21	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
22	UEI	Electricals	
23	RHM (aa)	Foods	
24	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
25	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
26	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
27	Runciman (Walter)	Shipping	
28	Usher Walker	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
30	MEPC (aa)	Property	
31	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
32	IMI (aa)	Industrials E-K	
33	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
34	Ultramar (aa)	Oil,Gas	
35	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Siebe (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
37	TI	Industrials S-Z	
38	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
39	Booker	Foods	
40	Medminster	Leisure	
41	Morrison (W)	Foods	
42	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
43	Wimpey G (aa)	Building,Roads	
44	Textured Jersey	Textiles	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Late recovery

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 15. Dealings end September 2. §Contango day September 5. Settlement day September 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 24).

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
149	94	Bottoms(J) Ltd	143	145	+1	10.7	7.4	9.7
280	227	Rel Bk Scot (aa)	253	257		12.9	5.0	6.9
10	850	Scheidgs	9	10		22.6	24	12.0
553	407	Stand Chart (aa)	513	518	+5	46.7	9.1	6.4
117½	96	TSB (aa)	104	105		6.6	6.3	7.0
595	501	Ulster Dist	525	545		28.4	7.1	12.2
355	303	Warsaw SG	301	302	-2	15.3	5.0	8.1
133	109	Do 5½ 'A'	107	110		8.2	7.5	
37	23	Wells Fargo	37					1
453	443	Wetmost	440	465		9.3	2.1	18.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	220	Abbey	257	257		19.3	5.1	10.8
400	315	Amec	377	382		14.5	3.8	12.1
475	348	Angus Sec	453	468		34.0	7.2	27.1
54	36	Anglo Utd	46	49		1.2	2.5	7.1
208	99	Arnicette	175	190		9.3	5.2	21.5
250	247	Attwoods	250	250	+2	8.7	3.0	16.4
310	270	BPB Ind (aa)	287	293		13.0	4.0	9.2
520	240	Bagenalls Brick	240	240		10.0	4.2	17.2
86	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	84	87		3.9	5.2	17.8
216	170	Barratt Devs	188	185	+1	12.6	6.9	13.2
272	181	Bellway	242	247	+7	11.0	4.5	11.8
113	85	Bemrose	92	97	+1	4.1	4.4	11.5
384	258	Berkeley Gp	304	312		4.7	1.5	10.9
82	63	Ben Bros	110	120		4.8	4.2	26.5
513	415	Blackwood	465	475		29.0	6.3	11.5
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	453	455		29.0	6.4	10.2
390	318	Boot (Henry)	360	365		19.3	5.0	9.2
295	167	Brandon PLC	293	293	-2	8.7	3.0	20.6
210	178	Br Dredging	134	141		6.9	5.0	10.1
157	126½	Bryant	140	143		6.4	4.5	11.1
172	112	CALA	150	155	-2	3.2	2.1	14.9
144	110	CRH	133	138				
156	104	Caledonian Rotary	152	152	-1	5.1	4.0	22.8
350	298	Cantors	338	345	+7	10.7	3.2	12.3
149	105	Charrington	110	114	-1	7.3	6.7	12.0
350	195	Church Charles	110	114	-1	7.3	6.7	12.0
171	112	Cladex Grp	340	360		7.5	2.1	12.8
171	112	Closson PLC	153	160		4.0	2.5	19.4
317	203	Concrete	307	310	+1	12.0	3.9	13.1
317	203	Countryside	288	295		9.0	3.0	14.2
231	185	Cred Nicholson	217	220	+1	8.3	3.8	11.0
126	73	Crosby James	120	125	-2	3.2	2.5	22.9
250	208	Douglas (Phil)	230	240	-1	5.7	2.4	12.9
41	23	Edmund Hdgs	37	39		1.4	3.7	19.7
105	78	Estb	93	96	+1	4.1	4.3	13.8
309	175	Federated Hsg	287	292		7.7	2.7	10.5
98	72	Fitzpa Gp	80	84		6.8	6.5	10.6
76	43	Galliford	76	80		3.0	3.8	10.5
263	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	255	265	-2	9.6	3.6	14.0
565	345	Gleeson (MJ)	550	570		9.1	1.7	13.4
265	209	Hamilton Hd	260	270	+3	9.1	3.4	12.5
210	170	Hanson Trust	208	209		8.0	3.8	12.2
330	259	Henwood Williams	277	285	-1	13.9	4.7	10.2
380	291	Higgs & Hill	365	373	+1	12.3	3.3	11.5
90	67	How Gp	83	87		4.1	4.8	10.8
292	141	Howard Hdgs	286	290	-1	11.7	4.0	10.0
183	86½	Hyrock Johnsen	188	192		5.5	2.9	12.4
396	270	James (J) & Sons	168	176	+2			
183	135	Laing (J)	307	312		9.6	3.1	9.2
867	758	Laing (John)	770	777	-1	26.9	3.5	11.6
66	34	Lilleshall	60	64		1.4	2.2	24.8
179	127	Maddogton	155	160		5.6	3.4	16.3
207	145	Mallinson	155	165		4.4	2.6	49.4
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	165	175		8.7	5.3	10.6
191	139	Burtonwood Brew	165	173		4.2	2.5	18.2
388	332	Clan (Matthew)	365	375		14.7	4.0	10.1
371	295	Devenish (JA)	333	340	-2	4.0	1.2	29.7
246	176	Greenall Whitley	235	240		9.3	3.9	13.6
494	436	Greene King	462	475		19.8	4.1	20.8
357	271	Guinness (aa)	315	317	+1	12.5	4.0	10.4
780	698	Hawys & Hansons	750	770		30.0	3.9	14.2
127	76	Highland Dist	113	118		3.5	3.0	18.0
308	168	Invergordon Dist	292	300		7.9	2.7	17.9
329	175	Irish Distr	335	342	+4			
167	110	Marston Thompson	150	153		3.9	2.6	15.6
663	464	Morland	625	640		16.9	1.7	25.6
388	286	SA Breweries	386	395				
398	286	Scot & Newc (aa)	357	359	+1	17.2	3.4	17.6
721	479	Vaux Group	703	710	-1	21.6b	3.1	21.6
317	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	298	300		14.1	4.7	11.1
700	324	Do 'B'	580	580	-45	14.1	2.4	23.5
411	255	Wolverhampton	396	406		12.3	3.1	42.8
434	351	Wolvrhmptn & D	417	423		8.2	2.0	17.9
530	345	Young A	515	535		12.3	2.3	30.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	75	Dale Elec	104	108	+1	5.7	5.4	12.7
59	38	Do A	57	57		2.9	5.0	12.4
348	278	Delyno	327	332		4.8	1.3	16.3
64	53	Downing & Mills	58	59		2.5	4.3	14.4
221	176	Electrocomponents	206	210	+1	5.9	2.8	14.1
128	99	Elec Data Process	118	123		2.3	1.9	30.7
90	65	Electronic Mach	70	80		1.6	2.0	15.5
478	367	Ferranti	470	480	+3	10.7	2.2	17.9
403	297	Farnborough	387	390		9.6	2.5	14.7
151	113	Fel Babcock (aa)	128	130	+2	3.1	2.4	13.1
179	147	Fomalh Elect	149	152	+1	4.9	3.2	11.5
98	76½	Ferranti Intl (aa)	93	95		3.1	3.3	11.4
69	50	Forward Tech	57	62		1.4	2.3	9.8
166	144	GEC (aa)	158	160		8.7	5.5	9.4
309	192	Harland Simon	305	312	+6	3.2	1.0	19.9
86	46	Hepland Elect	66	72		3.4	4.9	10.7
495	195	Hepworth Gp	480	485		5.0	1.0	19.1
65	42	ITL Gp	42	47	+1	2.7	6.0	8.0
218	150	Jones Stroud	195	215		8.0	3.9	10.6
385	328	Kode	340	360	+2	20.7	6.0	11.3
382	250	Lec Refrigeration	378	387		18.5	4.8	10.6
58½	37	Life Sciences	53	55	-1	1.3	2.4	34.6
391	178	Lingfa	348	357	-1	2.6	0.7	24.8
293	226	Macro 4	258	270		4.5	1.7	23.6
254	173	Memec	238	247	-1	5.7	2.3	15.8
35	23	MMS	27	29	+3	1.4	5.0	16.1
473	346	Meridian Renro	448	456	+2	4.3	1.0	40.1
180	87	Micro Focus	144	154	+1			15.1
316	230	Microgen	235	242	-1	8.0	3.3	14.8
190	115	Midel	134					
249	194	Misys	204	214				
74	43	Mulmore Elect	58	63		2.1c	3.4	45.9
44	29	Murray Elect	33	36		0.3	0.9	93.1
378	253	Newmark (Louis)	315	330		13.6	6.1	10.6
193	161	Nexus	180	182		7.2b	3.9	25.3
152	64	NMW Comp	76	80	-1	3.4	4.3	14.1
24	16	Oceonics	18	21				6.7
226	209	Oxford Instruments	242	247		3.6	1.5	16.4
221	135	P-E International	205	215		4.9	2.3	15.0
248	175	P & P	224	238	-1	2.7	1.2	
59	38	Philips Fin 5½%	75	80		5.75	7.4	
10	700	Philips Lamps N/V	9¾					
288	239	Pilco	275	285	+3½	9.6	3.4	11.3
317	270	Pilkington	312	315	+3½	12.0	3.8	9.2
335	178	Pilgrim House	179	181				
178	147	Pressey (aa)	164	166		8.9	5.4	10.4
176	117	Pressac	167	172	-3	3.3	1.9	17.4
107	74	Quest Automation	87	90		2.0	2.2	12.9
351½	282	Racal Elect (aa)	315	318	+1	6.0	1.9	22.6
180	116	Rees	113	118		4.7	4.1	10.2
88	68	SD Scicon	81	83		0.9	1.1	24.6
144	79	Scanafone	108	112	-1	2.7	2.5	17.6
490	430	Scookes (GH)	440	500	+10	26.6	4.2	16.1
130	75	Semtron	95	105		3.0	3.0	13.3
39	28	Sharpe & Fisher	32	34	-½	2.1	6.3	8.6
301	219½	STC (aa)	276	278	-4	10.3	3.7	10.3
23¾	18¾	TDK	102½					
243	192	Telephone Rentals	233	240	+2	11.5	4.9	17.4
61	15	Telemetrix	52	55				3.1
116	107	Thermo Scientific	148	154		5.3	3.5	31.9
675	533	THORN EMI (aa)	647	655	+2	30.0	4.6	10.7
415	315	Tunstall	340	360		9.0	2.5	16.3
426	410	Ultra	410	413	+7	19.1	4.6	16.9
267	184	Unitech	239	241	+1	12.1	5.0	10.7
230	140	Utd Scientific	186	192	-2	9.2	4.9	14.4
433	386	VG Instruments	390	395	-2	6.2	1.6	11.3
380	355	Vokin	358	378		16.0	4.3	10.0
102	98	Western Selection	98	108	-2	4.6	4.7	10.7
500	390	Wholesale Fitting	480	490		17.2	3.5	15.3

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
255	192	Abergeorth	240	245		17	07	
198	76	Aitken Hume	73	78		3.3	4.3	14.9
316	265	Antofagasta	310	315		13.7	4.4	9.2
87	68	Assc Newspapers	73	80		3.0	3.8	12.3
410	258	Authority Inv	350	375		8.0	3.0	12.0
195	163	Bensley Govett	180	190	+5			
303	278	Br Commonwith (aa)	291	294	-1	9.0	4.7	9.9
138	91	Burns-Anderson	106	111	-1	5.0	4.5	16.8
78	58	Cambria	70	75		2.3	3.1	14.7
406	260	Cardover	260	400		9.5	2.3	14.4
199	75	Centaway	108	118	-2	1.3	1.2	22.1
398	412	Charrington Int	522	537	+1	17.6	3.3	11.7
385	295	Chrmpnly Dempsson	440	450		12.3	2.7	10.2
103	64	Ind Fin Inv	95	100	+2	4.8	4.9	15.6
145	111	Ivory & Sime	127	132		7.7	5.8	15.6
36	25	LPA	28	30		2.0	6.3	14.3
211	154	Magnolia	200	205		10.0	4.9	11.3
180	105	Mal Hsme Leases	110	120		9.0	7.5	10.7
73	50	Newmarkets	66	73				
357	160	Parnon Plc	175	205	-10	1.3	0.7	22.3
165	113	Safeway Props Plc	135	145				
90	62	Singer & Fried	79	82		1.4	1.7	26.9
143	105	Templeton Girth	123	126		4.3	3.4	8.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17½	11½	American Express	17		+¾			
109	64	Argyle	103	106	+3	4.1	4.7	22.8
118	98	Britannic Arrow	103	107	-1	7.3	7.0	7.8
34½	25½	Daily Mail	34	34		1.3	3.8	17.5
17	10½	Ensnaffal	16	17		1.2	7.2	13.8
283	215	Frost Gp	248	253		10.7	4.3	20.0
173	131	GT Management	147	152		6.7	4.5	7.5
128	102	Gerrds Dorrant	113	118		3.5	3.0	14.0
805	648	Henderson Admin	690	720	+10	36.0	5.1	8.8
216	175	Primegrg	198	202	-1	12.3	9.4	5.3
111	88	RMC	91	94		5.5	5.9	
340	230	Rea Bros	320	330		16.0	4.7	8.7
400	264	M & G	365	370		10.0	2.7	17.6
45	34	Rutland	42	43	-1	0.3	0.7	25.6
182	156	Smith New Court	180	190	+1	6.9	3.6	12.8
166	117	Tyndall Hdgs	130	133	-1	6.9	5.2	12.8

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
322	272	AB Food (aa)	304	308		11.1	3.6	10.2
185	133	Associated Dairies	152	156	+2	5.5	3.6	12.2
102	33	Aiante Group	40	45	-2			
193	153	Appletree Hdgs	133	143	+1	3.0	2.1	25.0
223	161	Argyll (aa)	182	184	+1	7.1	3.9	14.0
183	152	Assc Fisheries	163	168		6.7	4.0	16.6
185	135	Banks (Sidney G)	183	203	+3	9.3	4.7	9.5
153	129	Barker & Dobson	138	141		4.8	3.4	13.9
243	184	Barr (AG)	225	230		17.3	7.5	11.8
281	195	Bassett Foods	277	282	+2	10.4	3.7	14.5
104	85	Bejam	97	102		3.2	3.1	14.0
184	154	Bejam	164	167		6.9	4.2	14.2
401	274	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	375	380	+3	21.3	5.6	13.7
348	348	Booker	380	385	+3	21.3	5.6	13.7
263	180	Bernhead	238	242		9.7	4.0	11.1
237	163	Brake Bros	226	234	-1	5.7	2.5	16.2
429	231	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	374	377	-3	11.0	2.9	21.0
257	188	Cans Making	242	262	+2	9.7	3.8	9.1
507	478	Clintons Games	495	505	+10	12.1	2.4	24.8
161	116	Co-Op 'A'	130	135	+2	12.1	5.2	11.6
88	55	Colleno	67	70				
368	221	Dalgety (aa)	335	345	+3	19.2	5.8	13.4
117	75	Dawes 'A'	72	77		4.5	6.0	15.7
178	147	Dee (aa)	170	174		11.3	6.6	11.3
85	39	England (J)	65	70				
213	178	Fit Fyrles	210	215	+2			
148	92	Fosks (A)	104	107		3.5	3.4	21.5
300	254	Fran Lovell	280	284		16.0	5.7	12.4
190	158	Gateoke	158	162		6.7	4.3	23.2
298	219	Grest	253	278	+15	5.5	2.0	22.2
215	185	Hazlewood Foods	200	204		9.5	4.5	17.6
207	166	Hillsdown (aa)	200	205		9.0	4.4	13.8
198	158	Hughes Sugar	188	193		6.4	3.3	16.1
373	285	Iceland Frozen	351	355	-1	9.0	2.5	20.7
370	300	Kwik Save	360	363		9.7	2.7	18.2
360	294	Lambert Howarth	350	360	+2	16.4	4.6	12.1
277	196	Lang (Hmg)	268	270	-2			12.6
255	157	Lang	255	257		9.3	3.7	15.6
50	31	Lansley	47	50	-1	0.3	0.6	16.0
405	43	Lefevre (Raph)	340	365				
200	125	Low (Tom)	190	195		4.9	2.5	17.1
78	76	Matthews (Bernard)	79	80		2.4	3.0	11.4
333	203	Mccl Trans Supp	280	305		4.9	1.7	31.8
403	343	Morrison (W)	390	394	+7	9.0	2.3	17.1
255	215	Nichols (JW) (Vimto)	245	255	-5	10.8	4.3	13.3
90	60	Normans	60	62		2.9	4.8	12.2
214	172	Northern Foods (aa)	200	203	+1	13.3	4.7	11.4
241	193	Northern & Peacock	230	233		11.7	5.0	10.1
247	180	Park Foods	185	195		6.6	3.5	11.7
93	66	Pranngan	80	85	-2			
490	300	RHM (aa)	415	418	+5	14.3	3.4	17.3
104½	41½	Ranger (aa)	101	101½		2.7	2.7	37.3
210	213	Salesbury (J) (aa)	214	216		5.6	2.6	16.7
175	130	Salvesen (Christn)	171	173	-1	5.5	3.2	16.7
889	749	Tate & Lyle (aa)	840	843	+3	37.0	4.4	11.7
110	90	Thomas Radledge	90	100		1.7	1.8	12.9
178	141	Tesco (aa)	143	146	+1	3.8	2.6	14.1
138	128	Thorntons	130	133				
345	253	Unigate (aa)	297	300		16.9	5.7	12.0
345	253	Unilever (aa)	332	335	+2	15.1	4.5	12.1
230	187	Watson & Philp	210	218		11.1	5.2	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
256	188	Friendly Hotels	253	260		24	09	17.2
530	430	Grand Met (aa)	507	508	+½	17.3	3.4	14.2
457	325	Ladbroke (Ian)	445	448		18.0	4.3	15.2
75	54	Norfolk Cap Gp	68½	69½		2.0	2.9	16.0
146	106	Mount Charlotte	138	141	+1	2.7	1.9	17.4
109	84	Queens Moat	107	109	+1	2.6	2.4	18.8
191½	15	Resort Hotels	17½	19		0.6	3.2	12.3
1½	73p	Savoy Hotels 'A'	87p	91p		1.0	1.1	17.3
114	81	Stakis	98	101		2.4	2.4	16.9
266	211	Trusthouse Fi (aa)	249	252	+3	9.8	3.9	17.4

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	92	AAF Inv	155	165		6.9	4.3	10.2
317	253	AAH	283	287	-1	12.6	5.0	9.5
146	91	ADT (aa)	136	138				
211	176	ADT Group	186	188	+1	10.6	5.7	14.8
243	169	AGB Research	214	215	-3	10.9	4.0	11.0
285	188	AIM	255	255				
278	218	AIM Health	251	255		2.1	3.6	14.1
61	44	ASD	58	60		3.1	5.2	10.7
136	106	APV	131	131		5.8	4.8	12.9
180½	153	ASW	178	181				
178	253	Aaronson	117	123	+2	7.4	6.2	10.5
370	310	Abwest	340	350		13.2	3.8	15.2
118	96	Abracadabra Eng	100	105	+2	4.2	4.1	15.7
185	140	Alexandra Wwear	158	165	+2	4.4	2.7	16.2
350	210	Alumasc	248	258	+5	10.5	4.2	9.0
360	295	Amber Ind	335	345		14.0	4.1	10.6
181	95	Ampleon	170	181		4.3	2.4	20.3
48½	34	Armour	47½	49	+1	0.8	1.6	15.2
732	625	Ash & Lacey	730	740		41.1	5.6	11.1
91	35	Ashley	87	92				
7	4	Ass Br Eng	4	4½				
300	200	Do B--	190	210		10.7	5.4	
116	72	Aurora	98	101		3.8	3.8	16.1
68½	50	Avdel	60	62				
383	276	Avis Europe	355	358		12.8	3.4	15.8
749	594	Avon Rubber	722	730		14.7	2.0	15.6
293	80	Avonmore Metal	200	210		4.3	2.1	11.6
390	295	BAA (aa)	368	372	+1	9.7	2.6	12.4
176	127	BET	172	173	+3	4.3	2.5	14.9
256	232	BET Dnf (aa)	236	238	-1	13.3	5.5	11.7
403	358	BM Gp	395	410		11.5	2.8	24.1
465	365	BOC (aa)	452	455	+2	18.0	4.0	11.2
220	206	BTR (aa)	220	220	-1	8.6	3.9	16.6
495	383	BSS Group	480	485	+2	16.0	4.0	11.7
298	238	Bamford (JC)	280	285		9.0	3.2	13.8
277	196	Bano (Hmg)	268	270	-2			12.6
255	157	Barro	255	257		9.3	3.7	15.2
50	31	Barnsley	47	50	-1	0.3	0.6	16.0
405	43	Barlow Band	340	365				
200	129	Barnet (H)	178	183	+1	2.4	1.3	26.9
755	625	Barton Transport	725	775	-5	32.0c	4.3	65.8
48	25½	Baynes (Charles)	29	31	-1			
11	7	Bear Brand	8	9		0.7	7.6	7.8
385	220	Beatson Clark	368	372		17.6	3.1	47.4
205	168	Beaford	187	197	-1	5.5	2.9	16.7
207	166	Beazer PLC (aa)

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.7	118.5xc	-0.6	8.44
Hi Inc Equity	118.4	127.0xb	-0.3	4.69
Worldwide Gld	182.3	203.9xb	+1.0	4.76
American Gth	147.3	156.7	+0.8	1.39
Asian Pacific	70.05	74.92	-0.10	1.41
Assets & Equs	144.0	153.1	-0.8	6.10
Capital Fds	79.47	79.76	-0.24	3.76
Comm Energy	97.05	103.8	-0.48	1.12
Euro Capital	70.24	75.13	+0.29	1.09
General	168.1	179.5xe	-0.6	2.59
Japan	92.67	99.12	-0.73	0.00
UK Gth Inc	123.5	138.5	-0.1	2.12
Do Acc	161.0	224.2	-0.1	1.44
US Emerg Co	44.05	46.98	+0.17	0.00
Income Gth	258.5	274.9	-0.8	3.46
Master Acc	73.10	78.18	-0.11	2.42
American Inc	43.27	46.03xb	+0.11	5.95
Ethical Tst	44.59	47.68	-0.11	2.82

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American	40.03	42.59	-0.08	2.15
Australian	25.38	27.00c	+0.05	1.28
Euro Tst	42.34	44.88	+0.05	0.00
Extra Inc	38.76	41.14c	..	5.21
Fund Invest	98.21	104.4	+0.05	1.00
Do Acc	148.8	158.1	..	1.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.15	24.58x	-0.11	9.71
Global Income	35.34	37.60	-0.09	5.15
Income Growth	69.56	70.80x	-0.21	4.26
Japan Gen	165.4	175.7x	-0.9	0.01
N Amer Inc	25.77	27.35	..	3.51
Special Sits	84.37	89.45	-0.26	1.31
UK Growth	32.89	34.70	+0.33	2.69
World Gth	40.15	42.62	..	1.12

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Euro Gth Acc	108.4	114.1c	+0.8	1.07
Exempt	399.6	420.7b	+0.4	4.56
Far Eastern	227.4	239.7c	-1.3	0.00
Fin & Prop	63.60	66.43p	-0.06	2.40
Hi Yield	78.22	82.90	+0.16	6.89
Income & Gth	314.3	332.9c	+0.6	4.30
Intl Earnings	187.1	191.9	+0.1	2.91
Int Gth Inc	88.39	93.93	-0.20	0.28
Japan Gth Acc	189.2	199.3	-1.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.9	120.4	+0.7	0.84
Preference Inc	133.1	140.9	-1.2	8.56
Sml Co Dly Inc	98.2	100.9p	+0.1	4.36
Smr Co Gth	293.7	325.1b	..	1.48
Spec Sits Inc	135.8	143.1	-0.5	2.64
UK Growth	378.6	401.1e	+1.3	3.98

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High Income	295.8	315.0c	+0.1	4.71
Equity Inc	171.7	182.9e	-0.1	4.27
High Yield	173.5	184.7	-0.1	5.13
Balanced	416.4	443.4	+0.5	3.25
Amer Inc	27.92	29.73e	+0.04	4.34
World Ass Val	27.94	29.75e	+0.02	1.04
Japan	140.9	150.0	-1.7	0.01
Sec of Amer	177.6	189.1	+1.1	1.67
Asset Value	321.9	342.8	+0.7	2.91
S'ges Earn	201.7	221.2	+0.7	3.16
Recovery	100.4	106.9	+0.4	3.59
UK Spec Sits	256.5	273.1e	-0.1	2.65
Smlr Co	170.1	181.1e	-0.1	2.23
Capital	252.0	268.3	+3.6	2.97
Amer Spec Sit	61.66	65.65	+0.26	1.91
International	91.99	97.66e	..	1.01
Growth & Inc	151.4	161.2	..	3.51
Euro Gth	177.8	189.3e	+0.15	1.35
Pacific	224.7	239.2	-1.9	0.19
2nd Smlr Co	194.4	207.0c	-0.1	1.89

BARCLAYS UNICORN
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Capital	78.74	83.99e	..	3.41
Euro Gth Inc	99.72	106.2	..	1.08
Extra Income	95.16	101.5	+0.4	6.90
General	169.1	180.4	..	3.16
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.74	54.37e	..	9.56
Income Tst	404.0	430.9e	..	3.91

BARING FUND MANAGERS
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American EVS	56.99	60.47	-0.03	1.30
Australia	71.89	77.40	-0.19	0.00
Eastern	79.42	84.72e	-0.17	0.40
Equity Inc	68.89	73.10	-0.06	5.20
Europe	119.47	126.73	-0.25	2.60
Exempt Tst	57.03	58.26e	-0.42	3.10
Growth & Inc	75.41	80.02e	..	2.20
Do Acc	119.2	126.5e	..	2.20
Global Gth	61.99	65.75	..	0.00
Japan Spec	142.2	153.1e	..	0.00
Japan Gen	151.6	163.2	..	0.00
First Europe	106.8	113.4	..	1.10
First Japan	103.6	111.9	..	0.50
First N Amer	43.91	46.59e	..	1.00
First Smlr Co	95.19	101.0	..	1.40
N Amer Spec	41.71	44.26	..	0.50
UK Growth	67.73	71.41e	-0.10	5.33
Select Man Fd	46.57	49.72	..	2.00

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Smlr Co Acc	300.0	325.5	-0.8	0.82
Do Inc	189.8	205.9	-0.5	1.29
High Income	78.88	84.40e	+0.57	5.70
Income	93.94	100.3	-0.16	5.83
Man Portfl Inc	96.98	103.7e	-0.30	2.83
Do Acc	147.7	157.7e	-0.5	2.26
Nth American	45.71	48.81	-0.22	0.30
Orient	107.2	114.7	-0.3	0.28
Exempt	274.2	289.2	-0.78	1.81
Recovery	66.69	71.25	-0.28	1.81
German	22.00	23.43	-0.09	1.68
Int Recov	25.01	26.70	-0.20	0.90
Europe	16.05	17.17	-0.06	1.49
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General Inc 4	288.5	284.9	-1.4	2.69
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Far East	29.39	31.42e	-0.19	0.20
Nth American	28.33	29.12e	+0.05	0.79
Global	44.16	46.56c	-0.16	0.73
European	40.20	42.77e	-0.11	1.25
Recovery	69.70	91.66	-0.70	0.46
Strategic Opp	50.19	53.69	-0.29	1.38
Do Acc	47.5	50.6	..	3.31
Intl Currency	45.35	47.78	-0.12	6.00

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PO Box 552 Wealhesdon Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1NS Tel: 01-588 0808

Capital	406.1	428.3	+1.0	4.35
European S S	48.07	52.57	-0.03	3.10
Far East S S	52.87	56.29	-0.55	0.84
Gold Gen S S	53.17	56.74	-0.33	0.90
Income	346.5	369.9	-7.6	5.09
Intl Sp Sits	49.63	52.95	-0.47	1.84
Nth Amer	228.0	243.3	-2.7	2.34

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

Income	436.17	●	..	5.07
Acc	£13.7114		..	....
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

Man Retrmt	22.77	24.10	..	....
SC Special Sits	67.31	71.23	..	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 272323

Amer Gth	16.22	29.46	+0.11	0.37
Atlas Gth	22.30	23.66	-0.08	0.70
Dragon Gth	26.43	28.56	-0.08	1.57
Equity Hi Inc	58.35	61.58c	+0.05	4.91
Fin & Prop	60.68	65.43p	-0.06	2.40
Hi Yield	78.22	82.90	+0.16	6.89
Income & Gth	314.3	332.9c	+0.6	4.30
Intl Earnings	187.1	191.9	+0.1	2.91
Int Gth Inc	88.39	93.93	-0.20	0.28
Japan Gth Acc	189.2	199.3	-1.5	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.9	120.4	+0.7	0.84
Preference Inc	133.1	140.9	-1.2	8.56
Sml Co Dly Inc	98.2	100.9p	+0.1	4.36
Smlr Co Gth	293.7	325.1b	..	1.48
Spec Sits Inc	135.8	143.1	-0.5	2.64
UK Growth	378.6	401.1e	+1.3	3.98

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 5815

UK & Gen Inc	53.29	56.69	+0.12	2.54
Do Acc	55.29	58.05	+0.11	2.54
Income Inc	55.06	58.60c	+0.08	3.52
Do Acc	57.80	61.46c	+0.08	3.52
Worldwide Inc	44.82	47.94e	+0.06	0.47
Do Acc	46.82	49.82e	+0.06	0.47
Gamma Inc	39.77	39.12	-0.01	0.64
Do Acc	36.84	38.30	..	0.64
Amer Gth	50.79	54.03	+0.46	0.67
Euro Gth	54.03	57.48	+0.34	0.91
Far East	63.75	67.82	-0.57	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.72	50.26c	-0.03	8.13
World Bond	47.82	50.60c	+0.09	5.45
Private Inv Pt	47.15	49.91	..	0.91
Profess Inv Pt	48.76	52.94	+0.03	1.13
Progress Inv Pt	48.76	52.94	+0.03	1.13

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

Amer Tst	102.7	109.9	+1.0	0.76
Canadian Gth	19.68	21.06	+0.01	1.01
European Tst	94.22	100.5	+0.10	1.90
Growth Tst	261.3	276.7e	-0.5	2.74
High Income	318.6	339.5	-0.3	5.06
Intl Trust	107.4	114.9	-0.1	0.70
Investment	28.02	29.35	+0.22	0.71
Japanese Tst	239.5	256.2	-0.6	0.00
Main Int	27.36	29.18c	+0.03	2.57

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Ashgate, Surrey RH2 8EL Tel: 0737-242424

European Gth	50.93	54.45	-0.38	3.00
Far East Gth	39.10	40.71	-0.34	1.90
International	47.00	49.78	-0.03	5.20
N Amer Gth	41.91	44.78	-0.12	1.70
Pacific Gth	59.67	63.76	+0.08	4.80
UK Gth Acc	68.53	74.17	-0.25	2.60
Do Inc	61.01	66.04	-0.22	2.60
UK Income	58.85	63.98c	-0.32	6.80

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090090

American Fd	58.40	62.05	+0.32	1.81
Capital Fd	134.7	143.1	..	1.40
Convertible	24.28	25.80c	+0.01	7.66
Eurofund	23.43	24.88	+0.05	1.21
Growth & Inc	179.7	190.9	-0.1	0.94
High Dist Fd	150.5	159.9	..	5.00
International	207.8	220.6	-0.4	1.02
Pacific Fd	25.36	26.97	-0.04	0.00
Recovery Fd	22.86	24.42	+0.01	1.61
Smlr Cap Co	43.57	46.20	-0.23	0.00
Tokyo Fd	196.6	209.4e	-3.6	0.00
Ex Amer 2	117.1	120.3	..	1.90
Ex Amer 3	123.9	127.3	-1.2	0.18
Ex Pacific 4	382.6	393.1c	..	0.22
Ex Smlr Jap 4	258.6	265.7	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 221311

Uk Balan Inc	82.44	87.47	-0.29	2.76
Do Acc	85.86	92.16	-0.31	2.64
UK Gth Acc	124.0	131.6	-0.5	2.09
UK High Inc	94.25	100.0	-0.59	4.38
N Amer Acc	62.11	66.25e	-0.12	1.05
Far East Acc	117.6	125.4e	-1.1	0.61
Eurogrowth Acc	89.78	95.73	+0.49	1.69
UK Gt/Fl Inc	55.71	58.56	-0.22	8.88
Do Acc	84.89	88.01	-0.25	7.52
Intl Spec Sits	39.19	40.74e	-0.23	1.84

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 58808

Endurance	118.1	125.6	..	1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

Equit Balanced	92.84	98.77	..	3.75
High Income	98.69	104.9	..	4.86
Gt/Fxd Interst	50.91	54.17e	..	7.57
Tst Of Inv Tsts	86.72	92.26e	..	2.17
Spec Sits Tst	109.7	116.3	..	2.72
Nth Amer Tst	54.67	58.29	..	0.00
Far East Tst	120.0	127.8e	..	0.31
Intl Gth	58.22	59.81	..	1.84
European Tst	39.57	42.42	..	1.84

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 2BD Tel: 0203 553291
UK Gth Acc 176.7 188.0 -1.8 3.51

Do Inc	148.6	155.9	-1.5	3.51
Higher Inc Acc	329.3	350.4	-3.8	4.61
Do Inc	248.8	264.7	-2.7	4.61
Gilts & Fxd Acc	111.1	118.7c	-0.5	8.95
Do Inc	93.17	97.42c	-0.37	8.95
N Amer Acc	113.7	121.0	-1.0	0.12
Far East Acc	212.8	226.4	-1.4	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	131.1	139.5	+0.1	0.35
Gen Tst	257.5	274.1	-1.3	3.64
Shr Endell	40.02	42.58	-0.44	3.08
Sr Fdmnts Inc	49.85	52.82	-0.31	5.20
Do Acc	49.85	52.82	-0.32	5.20

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	63.49	67.91	..	0.63
UK Inc Fd	91.36	97.72	..	4.47
Far East Fd	88.88	94.84	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	60.84	64.74	..	4.42
Fd Interest	92.60	98.15	..	10.01
Natural Res Fd	58.97	62.75	..	1.52
European Inc	60.23	64.42e	+0.30	2.27
Financials Fd	45.76	48.56e	..	2.43
Intl Tech Fd	59.5	106.4	..	0.73
UK Gth	68.22	72.58	..	2.21
US Major	45.62	48.79	..	0.68

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
101-103 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5PA Tel: 041-222 5122

Balan Gth Acc	69.19	73.91	-1.17	1.20
Do Inc	67.24	71.58	-1.14	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	30.60	32.55	-0.05	4.60
Do Inc	28.48	30.31	-0.05	4.60
Inc Gth Acc	58.91	62.54	-0.34	3.50
Do Inc	48.77	51.86	-0.29	3.50
Serv Co Acc	70.86	75.40	-0.85	0.70
Do Inc	69.21	73.63	-0.82	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.26	23.69	-0.07	1.50
Do Inc	22.26	23.69	-0.07	1.50
Euro Gth Acc	16.57	17.63c	+0.32	2.00
Do Inc	16.48	17.53c	+0.30	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

American	100.2	106.2	+0.2	1.09
Amer Eqty Inc	27.66	29.34e	+0.01	5.51
Amer Spec Sit	51.09	54.09	-1.39	0.76
Australia	27.24	29.68	+0.11	2.16
Capital	54.77	58.42	+0.02	4.02
European	20.36	21.70e	+0.07	4.43
Global Conv	22.27	23.82	-0.06	5.51
Far East Inc	38.76	41.06	-0.02	3.61
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.81	29.44e	-0.06	10.03
Growth & Inc	113.2	120.4	-0.3	3.40
Japan Spec Sit	71.49	75.99	-0.39	..
Japan	166.3	176.8e	-1.9	..
Managed Intl	124.5	132.5	-0.6	0.45
Inc Plus	84.41	111.7c	-0.4	6.97
Financial Trends	40.39	43.32e	+0.02	2.57
SE Asia	42.23	44.96	+0.08	0.59
Spec Sit	268.4	287.9	-0.7	0.74
Eastern Opps	23.56	25.05	-0.05	0.00
Extra Inc	24.12	25.63e	-0.06	7.37
Recovery	29.04	31.15	-0.02	2.38
Moneybuilder	25.95	27.45e	+0.04	1.93

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5PD Tel: 01-638 5757

Amer Smlr Cos	173.2	182.7e	-1.0	..
Do Acc	177.8	188.9e	-0.9	..
Asian Tum Inc	222.1	236.0	+1.3	..
Do Acc	209.5	221.1	+1.3	..
Capital Inc	274.3	289.4	-1.5	2.18
Do Acc	340.0	358.8	-2.2	2.18
Comty/Gth Inc	165.8	171.6	-0.6	5.91
Do Acc	171.2	180.7	-0.7	5.91
European Inc	95.93	99.02	+0.22	1.06
Do Acc	96.40	99.52	+0.22	1.06
Extra Inc Inc	278.0	293.3e	-2.8	4.32
Do Acc	278.0	293.3e	-2.8	4.32
Financial Acc	44.83	47.31	-0.21	1.03
Do Inc	44.42	46.88	-0.21	1.03
Income Tst	165.8	174.9	-1.5	4.11
Do Acc	165.4	174.5	-1.5	4.11
Intl Growth Fd	142.0	149.8	-1.5	..
Do Acc	157.7	166.4	-1.7	..
Japan/Gen Inc	122.0	128.7	-2.4	..
Do Acc	123.9	130.7	-2.4	..
Monthly Inc Tst	128.2	135.3e	-0.7	4.30
PEP 87	62.87	..	-0.54	2.55
PEP 88	56.55	59.71	-0.53	2.38
Recovery	169.3	192.4e	-0.22	2.30
Do Acc	201.4	212.5e	-2.2	1.32
Smaller Inc	60.25	63.58c	-0.08	2.30
Do Acc	60.64	63.89c	-0.07	2.30

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 412022

Equity Dist	253.3	269.4	+1.0	2.76
Do Acc	411.9	436.5	+14.7	2.78
Euro Gth Dist	55.33	58.71e	..	0.60
Do Acc	66.66	69.09e	+1.00	0.60
Fixed Interest Di	113.5	119.5	..	7.76
Do Acc	149.3	157.4	..	7.76
Int Gth Dist	54.85	57.96	+0.01	0.60
Do Acc	54.98	58.31	..	0.60
Nth Amer Dist	111.7	118.4e	..	1.49
Do Acc	114.3	121.1e	..	1.49
Pac Basin Dist	185.3	197.6e	..	0.00
Do Acc	185.5	197.5e	..	0.00
Steward Dist	228.9	253.2	..	1.50
Do Acc	227.7	268.8	..	1.50
Steward Inc Di	59.42	62.98e	..	3.84
Do Acc	60.71	64.35e	..	3.84
N Am Stwd Di	85.83	57.08e	+1.00	0.88
Do Acc	54.49	57.76e	..	0.88

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Sp Sits	54.65	58.48	-0.15	0.47
UK Cap Inc	139.1	139.2	..	0.00
Do Acc	194.8	208.4	..	3.11
Do Spec Sits	62.90	56.89	-0.28	0.99
Income Fd	98.73	105.6e	+0.29	5.89
International	154.3	157.2	-0.9	1.16
US & Gen Inc	114.0	121.9	+0.01	1.47
Japan & Gen	306.3	327.7	-3.7	0.29
Far East Gen	124.1	132.8	-1.6	0.30
European Fd	221.0	236.4	-1.6	0.34
Germany Fd	69.78	74.63e	+0.19	0.00
Intl Inc Fd	47.09	50.37	-0.06	6.23
Wld Spec Sit	58.71	62.80	-0.21	2.86
Global Prp Inc	46.84	49.78	-0.02	2.46
Do Acc	46.54	49.78	-0.02	2.46

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Garbsore House, 15-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3666 Services: 06002 286538

UK Gth Tsts				
Smlr Co Acc	68.77	73.24e	+0.16	2.78
Equity Inc	58.31	62.10e	+0.12	4.24
Chalt UK Gth	24.79	26.28	-1.04	2.24
Man Expt	271.7	282.5	+0.33	2.56
Pract Inv Inc	67.83	72.57	+0.78	2.48
Do Acc	128.6	136.8	+1.48	2.48
Spec Sits	108.5	114.6	+0.13	2.56
UK Sel Opps	62.48	66.85	-0.11	1.13
UK Smlr Cos	108.5	116.1	-0.09	1.15
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.43	64.81	-0.04	6.32
Fxd Interest	29.90	32.07e	+0.02	7.57
High Income	31.14	33.40e	+0.24	5.26
Income	98.76	106.2e	..	4.14
Intl Fxd Int	23.65	25.11	-0.05	7.88

International Tsts				
Common Shre	60.81	64.70	-0.04	1.39
Frontier Mkts	25.97	27.85	+0.11	0.97
Global	158.1	168.8	-1.62	0.75
Do Dist	148.1	158.2	-1.54	0.75
Glob Inc/Gth	71.41	76.23	+0.23	1.07
Gold Shares	89.70	91.66	-0.70	0.00
Intl Sml Cos	109.7	117.1	+0.09	0.96
Oil & Energy	45.99	48.66	+0.03	2.13
Wrlwide Recov	91.63	97.91	-0.13	0.71
Overseas Tsts				
American	63.44	67.66	+0.32	1.32
Amer Sel Opp	27.89	29.69e	+0.14	0.33
Australian	16.61	17.95	-0.14	0.77
European	45.15	48.11	+0.36	1.18
Euro Sel Opp	66.59	69.97e	+0.33	0.59
Far East	127.8	135.9	-0.52	0.14
Hedged Amer	29.29	31.57	+0.11	0.50
Hong Kong	39.75	32.82	-0.64	1.82
Japan	131.8	140.1	-0.68	0.00
Japan S/Opp	71.23	75.75	-1.46	0.00
Pacific Gth	50.75	54.28	+0.17	0.99

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979
Dealing:01-588 0526

Intl Gth	91.96	97.82	-0.04	1.07
American Gth	58.81	63.41	-0.01	1.04
American Sm	61.65	65.60c	-0.04	4.67
Europe Gth	46.70	49.68s	+0.10	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	50.09	53.29e	+0.07	0.64
Japan Gth	66.08	68.21e	-0.64	..
Pacific Inc	69.21	93.85e	+0.03	3.72
Pacific Smlr	47.49	50.52e	+0.03	0.41
UK Prop Inc	74.89	79.54	+0.77	4.38
UK Spec Opps	150.1	159.6e	-0.80	1.56
UK Smlr Co	38.04	40.46	-0.15	3.23
UK Smlr Co	37.79	40.20s	-1.38	1.19

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Regal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9969

Gt/Fxd Interest	112.0	118.4p	-4.7	9.58
Gth Equity	231.4	268.0	+0.2	2.45
Guardhill	284.7	302.4p	+0.9	4.25
Income Tst	114.1	121.2	..	0.00
Int Tst	110.4	116.8	..	0.38
N American	123.2	130.3	+0.5	1.45
Pacific	269.7	285.3	-2.5	0.76
Prop Shares	370.3	391.6p	-1.4	5.16
Smaller Cos	152.2	161.0	-0.6	0.00
Worldwide	488.5	528.2	..	1.71
Euro Expt	190.6	194.3	..	0.00
Glob Trck Exempt	109.8	116.1	..	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	163.7	172.4c	..	4.43
Japan Expt	193.6	201.1e	..	0.00
N Amer Expt	79.31	82.96	..	0.72
Prop Exempt	139.3	146.7p	..	5.25
Smlr Co Exempt	178.7	190.6	..	1.21
Best of Brit	37.3	40.0	..	2.81
Spirit Of East	37.91	40.61	..	2.13

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 8033

Global Gth	39.99	42.54	..	0.80
High Income	93.96	99.96e	..	5.15
N Amer Tst	108.5	115.3	..	0.50
Recovery	37.18	39.53	..	0.54
Gth	226.2	360

Power to overrule housing decision

Regina v Kensington and Chelsea Royal London Borough Council, Ex parte Hammell

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson

[Judgment August 4]

The court had jurisdiction to grant interim relief, including a mandatory injunction, on an application for judicial review of a local housing authority's decision under section 64 of the Housing Act 1985. Exceptional circumstances did not have to be shown.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs Agnes Cross Hammell from Mr Justice Nolan, who on May 17 held that the court had jurisdiction to grant an injunction but that an applicant had to show exceptional circumstances and that Mrs Hammell had not done so.

Mr Robin Allen and Mr Martin Westgate for Mrs Hammell; Mr Timothy Straker for the council.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that Mrs Hammell, a divorced woman with three young children, had a tenancy of a council house or flat in Alloa, Scotland, owned by the Clackmannan District Council, but in January 1988 had been forced to flee from it because of violence and harassment by her ex-husband and others instigated by him.

She had first stayed with her sister in a one-bedroom flat in the respondent council's area but not unnaturally, because of lack of room, had had to leave.

She had applied to the council for accommodation. The council had accommodated her temporarily, but had served notice on her stating that, while satisfied that she had a priority need, it was not satisfied that she was homeless or threatened with homelessness because she had the accommodation in Alloa that she was entitled to occupy.

She had moved for leave to apply for judicial review of that decision, asking that it be quashed, and for interim relief by way of a mandatory injunction ordering the council to accommodate her pending hearing of her application.

The judge had granted her leave to apply and an interim injunction *ex parte*, with liberty to the council to apply for it to be set aside. On the council's subsequent application, he had set it aside.

De Falco v Crawley Borough Council ([1980] QB 460) was clear authority that there was jurisdiction to grant an interlocutory injunction, whether the application was made in an action by writ or in an application for judicial review under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The council contended, however, that that decision could no longer stand in view of the decisions of the House of Lords in *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1983] 2 AC 237), *Cocks v Thanet District Council* ([1983] 2 AC 286), *R v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parte Puhlhofer* ([1986] AC 484) and *South Carolina Insurance Co v Assurantie Maatschappij "De Zeven Provincien" NV* ([1987] AC 24).

His Lordship was unable to see that anything said in the first three cases affected *De Falco* on this particular point. Indeed, *O'Reilly* seemed to afford strong ground for saying that the decision of the Court of Appeal was entirely right and had full force and effect.

Having considered *South Carolina*, his Lordship concluded that there was clearly jurisdiction to grant the relief whenever leave was given to apply for judicial review. It must involve the applicant showing a clear *prima facie* case that the council's decision was invalid. That was stated clearly in *De Falco*. In most cases, the public interest would be a very important consideration.

In the present case, the council had had reason to believe, under section 62 of the 1985 Act, that Mrs Hammell might be homeless or threatened with homelessness. They had then had a duty, before issuing the section 64 notice, to make such inquiries as were necessary to satisfy themselves as to whether she was or not.

They had made some inquiries as to the position regarding the accommodation in Scotland, but in his Lordship's view they had been insufficient to deprive Mrs Hammell of the private law right that she had acquired under section 63 to be accommodated on a temporary basis.

She had in his view shown a very strong *prima facie* case that the council's duty had not been fulfilled and that their decision had been bad in law.

The judge had held that an exceptional case was required for the grant of an interlocutory injunction. It was true that Lord Brightman had used the word "exceptional" in *Puhlhofer* (at p518) but he had not used it as a term of art.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON, concurring, said that he had sympathy with the council, who were deluged with applications for housing the homeless, but the matters arising in the case had clearly needed further investigation.

Lord Justice Fox agreed.

Solicitors: Brocklesby & Co, Kensington; Mr A. J. Colvin, Kensington.

Receivers' order ousts solicitors' lien

In re Aveling Barford Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment August 3]

Solicitors against whom an order for production of documents had been obtained by administrative receivers pursuant to section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986 were not entitled to refuse production of documents on the ground that they had a lien over them for unpaid costs.

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing a motion by Albery Chapman & Co, solicitors, for the discharge of an order made *ex parte* by Mr Registrar Buckley under section 236 which required them to produce documents and furnish information relating to the affairs of Aveling Barford Ltd and two associated companies, Aveling Barford International Ltd and Latchrose Engineering Ltd.

Mr Simon Goldblatt, QC and Mr Robert Jay for Albery Chapman; Mr Simon Mortimore for the administrative receivers.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that Aveling Barford Ltd made vehicles and equipment for earth moving and road construction. Latterly it was in decline.

For some time it was a member of the British Leyland group when it made substantial losses. In about 1983 it was acquired by a company controlled by a Singapore businessman, Dr K. T. Lee.

It did not recover and on June 14, 1988 its principal banker and debenture-holder, Standard Chartered Bank, appointed two partners in Arthur Anderson & Co to be administrative receivers.

The bank also appointed them to be receivers of Aveling Barford International Ltd and a week later Barclays Bank plc appointed them receivers of Latchrose Engineering Ltd.

Albery Chapman & Co acted as solicitors to the Aveling Barford Group and to other companies controlled by Dr Lee.

By the end of the hearing of the motion to discharge, all disputes over the various classes of documents included in the order had been cleared up and Mr Goldblatt confined his attack on the order for production to a single point, namely that Albery Chapman & Co were entitled to refuse production on the ground that they had a lien over the documents for unpaid costs.

The order under section 236 was made by the court on the application of an "office-holder" an expression defined to include an administrative receiver as well as an administrator, liquidator and provisional liquidator: see sections 234(1) and 236(1).

A solicitor's lien entitled him to retain documents as against his client and included the right to refuse to produce the documents under *subpoena duces tecum* at the instance of a client who had become involved in litigation. But that right could not be asserted against a third party who would be entitled to production as against the client: *In re Hawkes* ([1898] 2 Ch 1).

In *In re South Essex Estuary and Reclamation Company* ([1869) LR 4 Ch App 215) Lord Hatherley, Lord Chancellor, considered sections 115 and 117 of the Companies Act 1862, the statutory ancestor of section 236, and decided that a liquidator was in the same position as a third party.

Lord Hatherley could not, in fact read the section in any way except as saying that production might be ordered but must be without prejudice to any lien; although in many instances, of course, that would render the lien valueless.

Whether production under section 115 would render the lien valueless or not depended upon whether value attached to the instrument itself (as in the case of a title deed or negotiable instrument). In neither case would production destroy the lien in the sense of the right to possession of the document, but only in the former case would that right continue to have any value.

Ex parte Bramble ((1880) 13 Ch D 885) concerned section 96 of the Bankruptcy Act 1869 which was substantially in the same terms as section 115 of the 1862 Act but without any mention of the effect of an order upon a lien. Sir James Bacon, Chief Judge in Bankruptcy, nevertheless there came to the same conclusion as Lord Hatherley.

The provisions of section 115 were reproduced in successive company consolidation acts until they became section 561 of the Companies Act 1985. That section was, however, replaced by the provisions in the Insolvency Act 1985 which had now been consolidated in section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

For present purposes the following changes were to be noted.

First, the power was exerciseable not merely in a winding up but also at the instance of an administrator, administrative receiver and provisional liquidator.

Second, the reference to the power being without prejudice to any lien had been omitted.

Third, on the recommendation of the Review Committee on Insolvency Law and Practice (Cmnd 8558, paragraph 903) the power to interrogate was extended to include power to require the submission of an affidavit.

Two explanations had been suggested as to why the reference to a lien had been omitted. Mr Mortimore said it was superfluous because *Ex parte Bramble* showed that even without a special proviso, an order for production would not affect the lien. Mr Goldblatt said that the reason was to be found in section 246 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

In his Lordship's judgment, section 236 and 246 were dealing with different concepts and the one threw no light on the construction of the other. Section 236 was concerned with obtaining information while section 246 dealt with rights of property to documents.

An office-holder who was able to assert the company's proprietary right to a document under section 246 would have no need to obtain an order for its production under section 236.

But that circumstance did not mean that when resort was had to section 236 it should be construed more narrowly than its ordinary meaning would require. For example, section 246 did not apply to "documents which give a title to property and are held as such".

A solicitor who had a lien over such a document could not be required to deliver it up to a liquidator. If the solicitor would not disclose the document and the liquidator wanted to know what it said he would have to seek an order for production under section 236.

There was no doubt that he could have obtained production under section 561 of the Companies Act 1985 and its predecessors.

Mr Goldblatt's submission was right he could do so no longer. It was an improbable conclusion and there was nothing in the language of section 236 which required it.

The reasoning of the Chief Judge in Bankruptcy in *Ex parte Bramble* still applied to the powers conferred by section 236 whether invoked at the instance of a liquidator, an administrator or an administrative receiver.

The explanation which Lord Hatherley gave for Parliament having conferred third-party status on the liquidator could be applied with equal plausibility to the administrative receiver. It followed that the lien was no answer to the order for production made in the instant case.

Solicitors: Albery Chapman & Co; Cameron Markby.

Writ valid on defendant not in jurisdiction

Barclays Bank of Swaziland Ltd v Hahn

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson

[Judgment August 3]

"Within the jurisdiction" in Order 10, rule 1(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court referred to the writ, not to the defendant. Accordingly, although the defendant had not been physically within the jurisdiction when the plaintiffs' writ had been put through his letter-box, it had been validly served.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Barclays Bank of Swaziland Ltd, from the judgment of Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, on January 28.

Order 10, rule 1 provides: "(2) A writ for service on a defendant within the jurisdiction may, instead of being served personally on him, be served – (a) by sending a copy of the writ by ordinary first-class post to the defendant at his usual or last known address, or (b) if there is a letter-box for that address, by inserting through the letter-box a copy of the writ enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the defendant . . .".

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC and Mr Michael Brindle for Barclays; Mr Winston Roddick, QC, Mr Michael Soole and Mr Matthew Reeve for the defendant, Mr John Aneck Hahn.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that Barclays claimed that the defendant owed them some £12 million under a guarantee executed in Swaziland in 1982.

The defendant lived with his wife in various places. They spent some time of the year in South Africa, no more than three months on average in England, according to the defendant, at an apartment in Amersham rented by his wife, and the remainder mostly travelling on the Continent.

Barclays had sought to sue the defendant in South Africa, but the proceedings had been abandoned because he could not be served.

In December 1986 they had instituted the present proceedings, on the basis that the defendant was domiciled in England.

On April 14, 1987, they had sought to effect service in England. At about 3.30pm, believing that the defendant was at the apartment in Amersham, or would be there on that day, their agent had inserted a copy of the writ in a sealed envelope through the letter-box.

The defendant had left Geneva at about 3.40pm, British time, and had arrived at Heathrow at 5.27. Being warned by the caretaker of the apartment that the envelope had been put through the letter-box, he had not gone there. On April 15, he had returned to Geneva.

The defendant's contention, accepted by the deputy judge, was that, since he had not been within the jurisdiction when the *writ had been put through the* letter-box, it had not been duly served on him. He contended that the words "within the jurisdiction" related to the defendant.

His Lordship could not accept that. It seemed to him that the words "within the jurisdiction" were descriptive of the writ and its service, not of the defendant. They were directed at the clear distinction between a writ for service within the jurisdiction and one for service out of the jurisdiction.

A writ for service within the jurisdiction would give the defendant's address as one that was within the jurisdiction. The language of Order 10 did not require the defendant's presence within the jurisdiction when the writ was put through the letter-box or posted, and his Lordship did not think that such a requirement should be implied.

Order 10, rule 1(3)(b) protected a person who had ceased to have any real connection with the address at which the service was made. It assumed a substantial degree of contact with this country on the defendant's part.

There would be a significant disadvantage in requiring the *defendant's presence within the* jurisdiction in that, if he had left it even for only 24 hours or less, service of process would fail.

It was not desirable that the service of process, which should be as simple and certain as possible, should depend, for example, on calculations as to the time at which an aircraft entered English air-space.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Hart Brown & Co, Guildford.

Squatters are liable to pay rates

Westminster City Council v Tomlin

A person who occupied premises as a squatter jointly with other squatters could be in rateable occupation of the premises for the purposes of the General Rate Act 1967, and therefore liable to pay all the rates in respect of those premises, in the same way as a squatter in sole occupation could be, even though he had no legal right to be in occupation.

Where a defendant or respondent to civil proceedings, including proceedings under section 97 of the 1967 Act to require him to show cause why rates on premises had not been paid, wished to submit at the end of the plaintiff's or applicant's case that there was no case to answer, the court was not obliged as a matter of law to require the defendant to elect either to call evidence or to make the submission but had a discretion to allow the submission to be made on the basis that if it failed the defendant or respondent would be permitted to call evidence.

Mr Justice Henry so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division on July 29, allowing an appeal by Westminster City Council by way of case stated from the Horseferry Road Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate who had upheld the respondent's submission that there was no sufficient evidence that he was in rateable occupation of the former Cambodian Embassy for him to be required to show cause why the rates thereon had not been paid.

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Class III: V Hartell; G N Hitch.

Pass: S R Lee.

BEng (Enhanced)

Electronic and Control Systems Engineering

Class II (Div 1): S D Jackson.

BEng

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Ordinary: N A Atherton.

Ordinary: R J M Close; P J Macken; H A Playford.

BEng (Enhanced/Extended)

Information Systems Engineering

Class II (Div 1): S Bagga; K P Godfrey; H J Parkin.

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BEng (Enhanced)

Information Systems Engineering

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BSc

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Jill Yeates, a manpower expert, looks at the problem of losing key staff



Keep your specialists and keep down the bills

Some labour turnover is welcomed by employers, and the departure of certain employees may bring a welcome sigh of relief. But most wastage is not good, particularly that of specialists in a tight labour market, and particularly of people perceived as "good". So, when *is* labour turnover a problem?

More and more employers are beginning to ask themselves why such staff are leaving and how their loss can be prevented. In order to answer these questions, an employer needs to know about recent and current turnover.

First, who is leaving? Is it people with a particular length of service, or from a narrow age group? Are there obvious patterns by gender or race, by qualification, by grade, by department or function or specialism? What about location or site? The answers to these questions help to pinpoint the high-risk groups, enabling policies to be targeted to relevant areas of action.

Second, the employer needs to find out *why* the high-risk people are leaving, and why their colleagues are not leaving. How detailed, or accurate, is information gathered on why people leave? Has this information been collected in a reliable way?

Third, employers need to keep up to date with the current state of the labour market and with pay and conditions of competitors.

Armed with this information, employers will know when labour turnover is a problem.

WHO ARE THE PROBLEMS? Recent research at the Institute of Manpower Studies (*IMS Report No 145, Retaining Specialists*) found a variety of specialists of whom there is a shortage. These have been defined as "key employees with valuable skills, for whom the labour market is keen. They need not necessarily be staff in senior positions in the main career streams".

Specialists hardest to retain include information technologists, particularly computer programmers and systems analysts; accountants of all kinds, particularly in the public and service sectors; all kinds of engineers, especially those with management capability; and architectural, medical and legal specialists. Among others, scientists, technicians and economists have also been identified as problems when it comes to retention. The shortages hold across all sectors but affect some, particularly the public sector and expanding sectors such as finance and "energy production", more than others.

Where do these specialists come from? There are a variety of sources, including:

- Graduate intake, trained in-house by the organization;
- Recruitment campaigns, resulting in direct entry of trained and experienced people from competitors and sometimes as re-recruits;
- Through supporting school-leavers at further education colleges, or on in-house training programmes; or
- Through in-house retraining programmes for other staff, or from external retraining programmes such as those run by the Training Commission – for example, the Manpower Services Commission's TOPS courses.

Where do these specialists go? The main destinations of "specialist" leavers are:

- More highly paid jobs in competitor organizations;
- Organizations offering more attractive career development;
- Different location – moving with a spouse for example, or going "home" or to London;
- Setting up their own businesses.

Why do they leave? IMS research and advisory experience shows that they usually leave for one or more of the following reasons:

- More pay or better conditions;
- To develop their own careers;
- To do more interesting or more fulfilling work;
- Better training;
- Technical advancement – to be working nearer the forefront of technological development;
- To work for an organization with a more satisfying image;
- For an easier travel-to-work pattern;
- To find a more suitable immediate manager.

However, it is important for every employer to find out why its own specialists are leaving. Finding out is not easy for three main reasons.

First, people who have made a decision tend to rationalize their reasons for having done so. Second, there are things it is better *not* to say politically, even in the case of leaving the organization. Third, although it is commonly assumed that people leave for more pay, and true that few people actually leave for a lower salary, pay may be seen as a "legitimate" reason to give for changing jobs. In fact, few people leave only for more money. Employers who keep their staff more effectively are not necessarily the highest payers. Indeed, where money is thrown at the problem of turnover, wastage tends to reduce for a couple of months and then start to creep back up again.

SOLUTIONS: HOW TO RETAIN SPECIALISTS. Organizations will always have some wastage. For example, there will be retirements, deaths, ill-health retirements, those dismissed on grounds of misconduct or lack of capability or efficiency, and those who leave as a result of maternity or geographical relocation of the organization. There will also be those who leave after a short time because the job or organization does not suit them, however good the recruitment process. There will also be some who leave because they get a better offer at the time.

But to keep those in high-risk categories who may otherwise leave, organizations have enjoyed success with the following solutions, either individually or as part of a package:

Pay. Extra pay is usually given where necessary to be competitive in the form of market supplements, bonuses, overtime or performance-based pay.

Conditions. Benefits such as mortgage and loan subsidies and company cars can be given to target groups of individuals.

Contracts. Imaginative contracts can offer more attractive terms of employment temporarily without distorting establishments or grading scales.

Work content. Structural changes allow job enrichment at all levels, and a higher proportion of research and development work is often attractive to specialists.

Training. Specialists are less inclined to stay with an organization that does not help them to improve and update their skills.

Career development. Employees who can see clearly where they are heading in career terms may prefer security to extra money.

Company image. Many employees apparently like working for a company that has a good-quality image, is a leader in its field and is known for producing a good product and being a good employer.

It appears that once pay and conditions are competitive, work content, training, career development and company image all become very important parts of any package designed to retain specialists.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF SOLUTIONS. Policy decisions to introduce measures to retain certain staff obviously have implications in terms of costs, trade union reactions, other employees' reactions, the training programme and the labour market.

The main costs are those of the time spent on career management for small numbers of people, and also of extra payments, training, restructuring and contracting work out. However, these are found to be cheaper than the costs of replacement.

Trade unions are generally not consulted about one-off solutions to retain specialists. Where they are, the reaction is usually no more than one of verbal disagreement. Other employees tend to feel less valued by an organization that is treating some individuals as special. This often leads to antagonism, which has a negative influence on workplace morale and the quality of work. However, antagonism often leads to an expectation of unfair treatment, and the spin-off may be an acceptance of the situation by other employees.

Labour market shortages cause pay spirals, and organizations that have always grown their own are now having to buy staff in directly at higher levels. Some organizations, having trained staff, then find them being poached by other organizations. The National Health Service and the Inland Revenue are good examples of this. However, there are problems for an organization in acquiring good specialist trainers, offering conversion training – losing good staff from other areas of their work – and giving staff marketable skills!

Generally, in relation to specialists, market forces never work very effectively. There is a time lag. By the time people have chosen and been trained in a shortage career, say, five years, there is suddenly a glut of people on the labour market.

Employers can keep their specialists without adding to the pay spiral.

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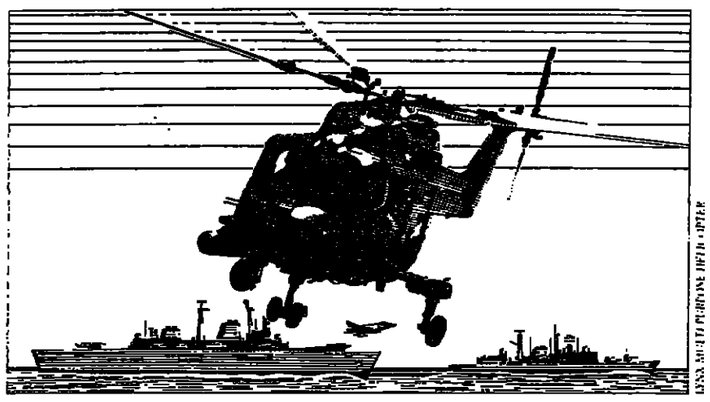
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Graduates might know their stuff, but too many of them appear unable to put it across, says **Roger Jones**

Speaking out for better communication skills

Talented and knowledgeable people by the thousand graduate from Britain's universities and polytechnics every year, but do they all possess the skills that potential employers demand? Sarah Gash and Denis Reardon, of Birmingham Polytechnic, are not convinced that they do, and they have begun a research project to discover how widespread this problem is.

The skills on which they are focusing are those that a person is going to need whatever his subject of study, and whatever career he takes up. For this reason they are termed personal transferable skills, and their common denominator appears to be communication. The skills cover a wide range — from writing reports and memos to arguing a point persuasively and relating to others.

Unfortunately, these vital skills are by no means as widespread as one might think — a fact that can cause problems for individuals — and also for the organizations that employ them. A relative of mine, for instance, who works for a large engineering company, has recently spent long hours rewriting reports drawn up by some of his younger colleagues.

In their original form, the reports were badly constructed, and the ideas they contained were expressed in an incoherent manner. Yet the writers were regarded as extremely competent in their disciplines. The problem stemmed from the fact that the engineering courses they had attended had concentrated exclusively on teaching engineering skills. The idea that engineers, scientists and technologists need to communicate, sometimes with people

> 'Many students, even artists, just waffled'

from other disciplines, tends to be overlooked by course leaders. Yet if they are to be successful in their chosen professions, graduates need to be able to write intelligibly, argue persuasively and explain clearly.

However, poor communication ability is not confined solely to "boffins". Miss Gash and Mr Reardon have found this deficiency in their own first-year students in the librarianship and information studies department.

"At its crudest level, people don't know the difference between an essay and an exam answer," says Miss Gash. "A lot of our students, even those on the arts side, didn't know how to structure an essay. They just waffled."

So they set about remedying the problem, and for the past four years new entrants to the department have been offered a course in transferable skills. They learn how to collect and analyse information, how to present a discussion paper, how to relate to other people and manage in a hostile environment, how to communicate effectively and appropriately. Though the course is voluntary, the rate of acceptance is remarkably high.

This is encouraging because information scientists certainly need to be able to express themselves properly. So, too, do managers, engineers and public sector officials, who may not regard themselves as part of the information business. Good qualifications alone will not suffice to ensure survival in one's chosen career, as has been confirmed during discussions between the two academics and different companies.

If these skills are so vital and universally applicable, why do they not form part of the educational syllabus in schools or higher-education establishments?

"The excuse departments give is that there is so much ground to be



Their business is communication: Denis Reardon and Sarah Gash

covered in their particular subject area that there is no time for extras," says Miss Gash. "I think lecturers expect their students to learn these things by osmosis!"

A prime reason for the popularity of her course is that it is conducted by departmental staff rather than by outsiders. "If people in the academic department teach the skills programme, the students' view of the importance of transferable skills increases," says Mr Reardon. "American academics we chatted to at international conferences insisted this was the way it had to be done."

Universities in the United States have always laid emphasis on transferable skills, which is perhaps why educated Americans often make a better job of selling themselves and their ideas than reticent Britons. There is, however, one sector of British education where attention is paid to communications skills — local authority colleges.

Marion Middleditch, who teaches transferable skills to BTEC students from a wide range of disciplines, says: "Many of our students have failed to get into universities and polytechnics, and I suppose college authorities felt they needed such training. Some of them arrive at college not having written a piece of continuous prose since the age of 14."

Mrs Middleditch's efforts to improve their general performance appear to have been vindicated. She can quote instances in which former college students have competed for jobs against untrained university and polytechnic graduates, and won the day on the strength of their superior communcation skills.

Several universities, too, are realizing the need to prepare their students for the real world. She cites the example of Reading, which runs one-week courses for graduates in report-writing, self-presentation, and several other skills that they will need to deploy in their future working environment.

Yet as universities and polytechnics begin to concern themselves with transferable skills, budget cuts are forcing some colleges to dispense with their courses. Mrs Middleditch fears this will mean that in future college students will lose the competitive advantage that instruction in these skills has hitherto given them.

She is, nevertheless, taking a lively interest in the Birmingham Polytechnic research project, which has been under way in its present form since April. Miss Gash and Mr Reardon have, of course, already conducted some initial research on their own students, but during the past few months the project has expanded in scope.

It has already attracted interest and support from IBM, BP and the Oldham Foundation, all of which realize the importance of having a reserve of well-rounded graduates from which to recruit the key staff of the future. Their first task is to contact all university and polytechnic departments in the UK to discover whether they find their undergraduates deficient in transferable skills, and, if so, what provision they are making to overcome the difficulty.

Once the Birmingham Poly team has obtained a full picture of the situation, it intends to write a state-of-the-art report. This will be followed up with a seminar to discuss the findings, in which the project sponsors will be closely involved.

As the issues raised are likely to be of general concern, invitations will be sent out not only to academics but also to representatives from commerce and industry. A subsequent development from this might well be the establishment of an information

> Lively discussion in the coming months

exchange, listing sources of instructional material, subject by subject.

"We feel there is a need to raise levels of awareness of personal transferable skills," says Mr Reardon. If he succeeds in this objective, Britain's campuses should be the scene of much lively discussion in coming months, as dons ponder whether they are doing enough to equip their protégés for the future.

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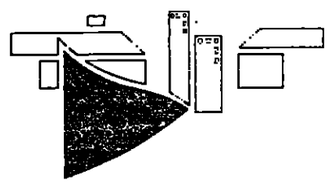
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SPORTS LETTERS

Insult of Coe's non-selection

From Mr Jonah Barrington
Sir, Sebastian Coe is a special case and he should have been chosen. His unique and proven quality, unwavering commitment, and his continuing search for perfection should have won more respect and understanding from those who sat in judgement on his moderate recent form. He has been shamefully stood down, indeed insulted, by in the main mean-spirited, mini-minded officials who have no concept of true excellence.
Yours faithfully,
JONAH BARRINGTON,
Stonedown,
Stonedown Lane,
Glastonbury,
Somerset.

From Mrs Sylvia Disley
Sir, The projected offer of a wild card to Sebastian Coe opened up the prospect of a return to the true original concept of excellence of competition of the ancient Olympic Games.

At present the Olympics are nothing more than a glorified international match, with their rigid limit of three competitors per nation per event. The inevitable result is that in some events, while some countries can send the full quota of three mediocre athletes who just make the grade, other countries have to leave at home potential finalists and medal-winners simply because they have a surfeit of excellence in a given event.

Bearing in mind that the Olympic motto is *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger), surely the aim of the Olympic movement should be to allow all those athletes who are faster, higher and stronger than the rest of the world to *compete*. To this end the IOC might consider allowing one athlete per nation and then select the remaining competitors for each event from performances at certain recognized meetings. It may be that a large number of the sprinters competing in the Games will be American, while a good number of the middle-distance runners might be British, but at least we would see all the best competitors meeting each other in each event.
Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.

Idyllic setting

From Mr A. I. M. Clark
Sir, All who watched Glamorgan v Worcestershire at Abergavenny will endorse the description of your Cricket Correspondent (August 17) that the match was played "in the most idyllic surroundings for county cricket".

What added greatly to the scene was the absence of advertising posters which surround our county grounds.

If the teams could serve up batting of the quality displayed by Hick and Maynard, the much-needed income would come through the gates and there would be no need to resort to this unsightly and intrusive form of commercialism.
Yours truly,
A. I. M. CLARK,
308 Western Avenue,
Llandaff, Cardiff.

Guide to racecourse manners

From Mr J. M. H. Balcon
Sir, It is with considerable sadness one reads about drink-induced, mindless thuggery now occuring on our racecourses. Racing has always been where the well-heeled, the not so well-heeled, the aristocracy, and the labouring classes met on more or less equal terms. Each knew their place, be it grandstand, members' enclosure, Tattersalls, or silver ring. Now, as with so many other institutions, the "*I'm as good as you*" *syndrome* has raised its ugly head, and those with more money than good manners are wreaking havoc with the staid lives of those of us lucky enough to have been brought up properly.

The reason, sadly again, is sponsorship.

Sponsorship has given the *sponsors the ability to offer free* racing, free eating, free drinking, free transport to workers, clients, and associates.

Badges to members' enclosures are issued without any instructions as to the niceties of behaviour, dress, or general decorum. Every course I know, in the South-east, displays notices concerning the dress of those using the members' enclosure, and, with the exception of Ascot, *these are blatantly* ignored and the attendants are powerless to do anything, being overwhelmed by sheer numbers.

I am afraid it is the age-old tale of "power without responsibility". However, may I on behalf of those who love racing plead with sponsors to issue to their guests some guidelines on how to behave in members' enclosures, and, further, how to comply with the universal dress regulations, which, after all, are only an individual's acknowledgement of the importance of the sport.

I realize that without sponsorship racing would be in dire financial straights but sponsorship of any sort carries with it the responsibility of the sponsors' obligations to those they sponsor and vice-versa.

Yours etc.
J. M. H. BALCON,
The Grey House,
Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent.

The ivory kick

From Mr Charles W. Coe
Sir, In reply to L. N. Agate as to whether ivory balls kicked (August 11), yes, they did, and how. They could also run very foul and eccentric if the ambient temperature was not to their liking (they liked 60°F). Sometimes players would put the set into their pockets to warm up. In the tropics they would go out of shape. Sometimes professional players would complain because the ivory was harsh and not nice and mellow. Harshness made for kicking, among other factors.

A *set of billiard balls* was usually kept entombed in a little box packed with sawdust (today it would be silica gel). The ebony spot in the spot ball caused much kicking and in important matches a pencil mark was made instead. Before the match began, there was the ritual of "weighing the balls".

In 1923 the billiard writer and expert, Riso Levi, carried out a series of experiments as to why billiard balls (ivory and composition) kicked. Every factor was investigated, with the exception of electro-magnestism — the only scientific aids he had were some postage stamps, paper wafers, fabrics, silk, and a magnifying glass. And yes, the answer was that, out of several factors, chalk was the big culprit, especially the soft white then still used. The cheap coloured brands were almost as bad. Riso Levi also mentioned that some balls (ivory and composition) kicked more than others, implying an innate tendency to malfunction in the balls themselves.
Yours faithfully,
C. W. COE,
162 Oxwich Close,
Corringham, Essex.

Saving the Oval

From the Reverend Michael Escritt
Sir, Is it really cricket for the first-class enthusiast to have to endure betting shops on cricket grounds, such as the Oval, which I visited last week. The accompanying very loud commentary is more reminiscent of the local high street than one of the meccas of cricket.

Are the cricket authorities in such an embattled position that they need this alien intrusion?
Yours etc.
MICHAEL ESCRITT,
The Abbey Vicarage,
Selby, North Yorkshire.

No-man's land

From Mr D. Contractor
Sir, Your item (later editions, August 19) about a new golf course in Sweden, where players tee off in Finland and cross the border to finish in Sweden, brought an innocent query, in all seriousness, from my wife. Would they need to have their passports on them or would they have a "laissez-passer"?
Your truly,
D. CONTRACTOR,
47 Hova Villas,
Hove, Sussex.

Back to basics

From Mr Ian Rosenbloom
Sir, In "Blueprint for a Football Revolution" (August 19) Alex Fynn says "you must give the public what it wants" and then we (the public) are offered an exposition of another ethereal *management structure*.

While I agree with much of what he says, the marketing of football must begin at the most basic level.

I have been a "fan" for over 35 years: from the days of being a lad handed to the front just before kick-off and handed back to my dad at full-time; to the modern day, epitomized by a stone being thrown through my car window at Old Trafford.

Throughout this period, with its many changes of styles of play and kit, one thing has remained the same. Going to the toilet is horrendous and as for washing your hands football grounds are as refreshing as floods in the Sudan.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ROSENBLOOM (Producer/Director, *The Marketing Mix*),
Yorkshire Television,
The Television Centre,
Leeds, Yorkshire.

Cricket: time for change

From Mr L. Burges
Sir, As someone who has been active in school cricket for nearly 40 years may I add my contribution to the reasons for the present decline of our professional game.

Certain problems seem to emerge at school level.

a) Many promising boys are prevented from entering the professional game by the continued use of imported overseas players.

b) In recent years school games have more and more come under the complete control of the PE specialist, whose games interests often do not include cricket and seem to turn more and more to minority interest activities.

c) Local authorities responsible for the appointment of headteachers seem to reflect less and less in their appointments men who have been active in a major games activity, let alone cricket. With such a system of leadership it is not surprising that school team games seem to be going through a difficult time.

Perhaps it is not too much to be hoped for that with the new body of school governors emerging, with their increased powers, that sport and especially cricket will have a new lease of life at school level, and that this will eventually filter through to our *national team*.
Yours faithfully
L. BURGES,
Portchester Boys School,
Harewood Avenue,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

From Mr R. P. Maidwell
Sir, With reference to the current poor state of our national cricket team, recently analysed in your three-part series, I often take my two children to our local park in the evening for some cricket practice and noticed the lack of other people playing the game. When I was a child — I am now 42 — there would have been numerous games in progress.

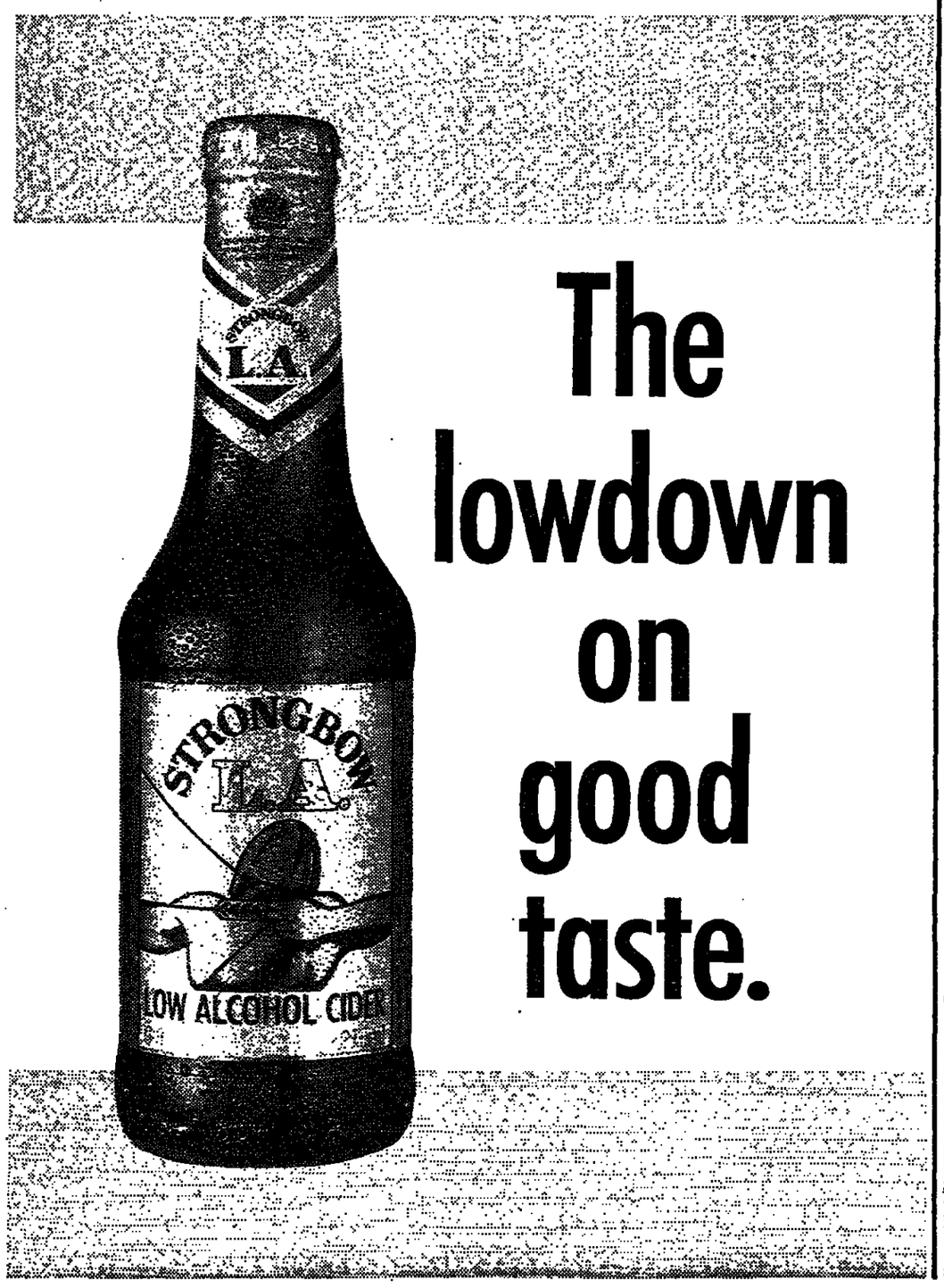
I have for a long time been convinced that batting on a makeshift pitch with very uneven bounce with one pad, usually the wrong size, no gloves or other modern protection teaches children to move their feet to the pitch of the ball.

I only wish I knew what the children are doing with their leisure time; playing other sports perhaps or watching television. Parents may be frightened to let their children go to parks or recreation grounds these days.
Yours faithfully,
R. P. MAIDWELL,
85 Wellesley Road,
Ilford, Essex.

From Mr Murray Hedgcock
Sir, I have just seen a batsman in T-shirt and brown shoes at Westminster School's Vincent Square cricket ground.

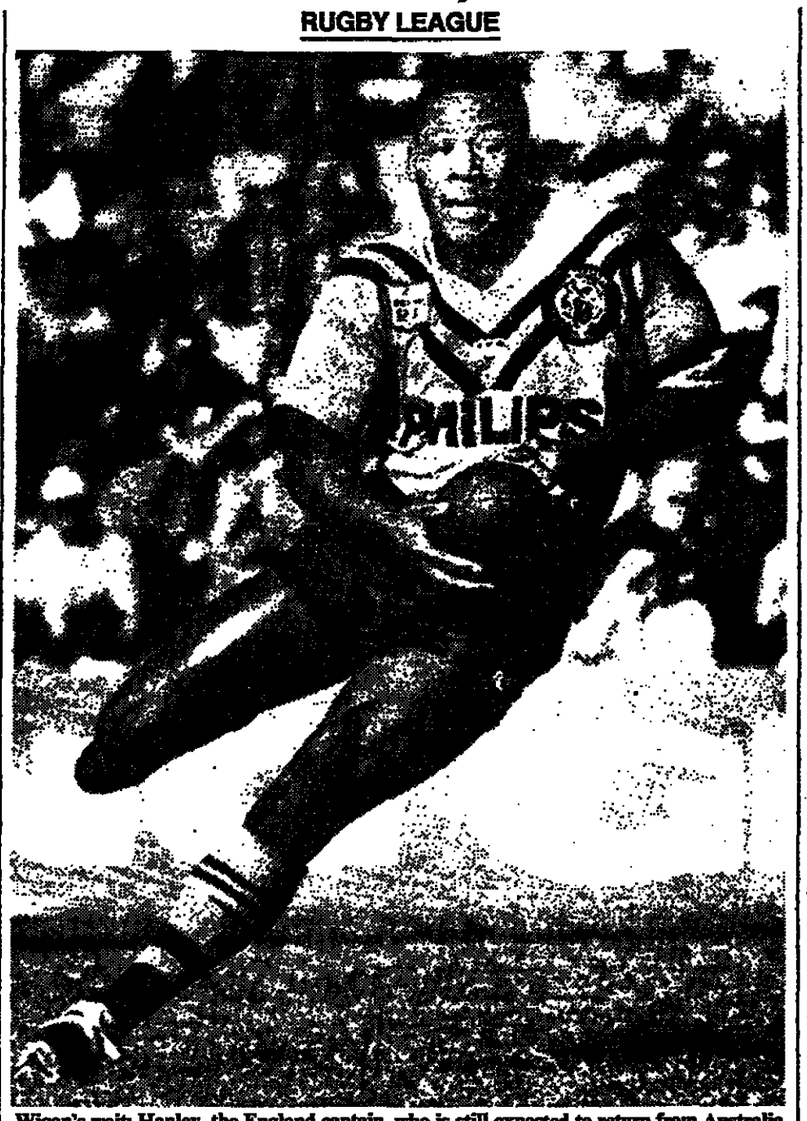
Is it any wonder English cricket is in chaos?

The fact that the same man hit a superb off-drive to the boundary by stepping out to a quick bowler of course has nothing to do with the premise.
Yours agonizingly,
MURRAY HEDGCOCK,
70 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.



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RUGBY LEAGUE



Wigan's wait: Hanley, the England captain, who is still expected to return from Australia

Players must beware of conduct unbecoming

By Keith Macklin

Every one of the 1,200 professional players registered with the Rugby Football League has received a letter from David Oxley, the chief executive of the League. In it Oxley asks them to "consider their behaviour both on and off the field."

The letter adds: "We are very conscious of our image, and we had several problems last season with individual players. We are officially the country's second biggest spectator sport, and we all have to learn to live with the pressures that our popularity brings if we are to retain our good name."

Oxley has thus prepared for the start of the season this weekend with a clarion call designed to wipe out the memories that scarred the closing weeks of last season, when brawls on the field, and misdemeanours off it, brought several players to court and robbed two of them, Joe Lydon and Desmond Drummond, of Australasian tour places.

However, alongside this note of urgency there is a new kind of optimism as officials, coaches, directors, players and supporters look ahead to the 1988-89 season. The feeling is much more than the insubstantial candy-floss euphoria that always exists at this time of the year, quickly to be dissipated for many clubs by a succession of bad results.

There is a genuine buzz of excitement that springs from a variety of sources. Victory over Australia in the third international of the 1988 series; unjust defeat in the World Cup game in New Zealand; hugely improved sponsorship, particularly from Stones Bitter, Whitbread Trophy and Silk Cut, a 25 per cent increase in attendances last season, and the projected opening of the Hall of Fame in October, to be followed by the Great Britain v Rest of the World commemorative match.

The sport's growing status and self-consciousness has been underlined by the creation, in place of the cumbersome council system, of a streamlined board of directors, with Featherstone's Bob Ashby as chairman and David Oxley adopting the title of chief executive.

Les Bettinson, tour manager of 1988 and newly-created president of the League, admits that he is looking forward to the new season with an excitement he has not felt for years.

"People in all sports are always optimistic at this time of the year, before the results start coming in," he said. "But there is a tangible feeling of anticipation everywhere I go.

"The result in the third international in Sydney came at just the right time, after we had so nearly won the first. We were unlucky in New Zealand, and people now realize that the quality of the game in England is the equal of any in the world."

The Challenge Cup holders, Wigan, illustrated this pattern yesterday when they unveiled a £250,000 sponsorship deal.

Wigan show a way forward

Wigan yesterday announced the biggest single club sponsorship in the history of the game, and it is with Norweb, one of the jewels in the Prime Minister's privatisation plans for the power industry (Keith Macklin writes).

The deal is worth a quarter of a million pounds over three years, and next season Wigan will wear the title "Norweb *Electricity*" *on their jerseys. In* addition to the basic sponsorship, the Wigan club and players will receive bonuses for trophy successes.

Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, said: "This is a major boost, not just for Wigan, but for the game of rugby league." Brian Kelly, energy marketing manager of Norweb, said: "Rugby League is a tremendous sporting advertisement for our region. Sponsorship of this top club is part of our community role as a major organization."

In order to accommodate Norweb, Wigan's present sponsors, JJB Sports, have renounced their claim, after boosting turnover from £4 million to £15 million in four years of sponsorship at Central Park.

Other clubs, Leeds in particular, are being inundated with offers of individual match or part-time sponsorship.

Wigan are still expecting Ellery Hanley to rejoin them for next season, despite reports that he is considering accepting a contract with the Sydney club, Balmain. The Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, repeated yesterday that he and Hanley had agreed on a new three-year contract at Central Park, and he expected Hanley to honour it on completion of his stint with Balmain in a fortnight's time.

Other clubs are winding themselves up for the new season with a spate of top-class signings, mostly from overseas. Hull Kingston Rovers, who are determined to bring about a revival on Humberside, have several overseas players, but in the vanguard of their assault on the championship will be David Bishop, formerly of Welsh rugby union, who will have 25 coach loads of Pontypool supporters watching his debut with Rovers.

Leeds, another club determined to resume former glories, have the Great Britain tour coach, Malcolm Reilly, as team manager, and the Australian internationals, Sam Backo and Andrew Ettingshausen. St Helens have the prolific Australian centre, Michael O'Connor, and the New Zealander, Shane Cooper.

Wakefield Trinity, freshly promoted from the second division, stiffen their side with two more overseas imports, Mark Graham and Steve Ella, and everywhere in the League, in both divisions, there is a surge of players from "Down Under" wanting to experience British rugby league.

Even in the second division hope springs eternal. Fulham, under the experienced guiding hand of Bev Risman, are still determined to keep the flag flying in London. Chorley Borough, carrying their third name in three successive seasons, introduced the game to a new town and a new public, and Carlisle, after a rancorous farewell to Brunton Park, home of Carlisle United Football Club, try again at a local sports club ground, Gillford Park.

FISHING

Salmon not quite in the pink

By Conrad Voss Bark

Thames Water — so said the notice — is putting a few hundred salmon into its Barn Elms reservoir in Hammersmith so that trout fishermen who go there may have the chance of catching a salmon at no extra charge. It is the new marketing gimmick.

An expensive business bringing a few hatchery salmon from their sea cages off the west coast of Scotland all the way down to London by road, but presumably a rush of fly rod fishermen to Barn Elms to catch an Atlantic salmon will, it is hoped, make up some of the cost, if not all of it.

There have been one or two moderate successes in adding farm salmon to trout-stocked lakes in order to attract customers. I am told that this has been done with success by Harold Foster at Ringstead Grange fishery, near Kettering, and by Gerald Denton, who is leasing Toft Newton reservoir in Lincolnshire.

The problem is not only the cost and hazards of transport from their sea cages off the Western Highlands: these are Atlantic salmon and the main problem is survival once they are in the lake.

Christopher Poupard, owner of Aveley Lakes, says: "As soon as these fish get into fresh water they begin to deteriorate so that the number of people who catch them is relatively small." In time they will refuse to look at a fly and will fade out and die. It all seems a sad result of a marketing gimmick.

However, things could well change with the introduction of landlocked salmon from the United States. These salmon have lived in the great freshwater lakes for generations and spawn in the feeder streams.

An enterprising fish farmer in Wales, Hugh Horrex, near Penhow, Gwent, has formed a company, Landlocked Salmon (Europe) Ltd, imported landlocked salmon ova from the United States, and has produced salmon which will not decline in fresh water ready for stocking next season.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Cornhill Insurance Test match
11.0 to 6.0, 90 overs minimum.
LORD'S: England v Sri Lanka.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0 unless stated, 110 overs minimum
NEATH: Glamorgan v Leicestershire.
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Sussex.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Middlesex.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bovey Tracey: Devon v Cornwall.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Southampton: Hampshire v Surrey; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan; Oundle School: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; Stanley: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire; Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Kent.

OTHER SPORT

BALLOONING: British championships (Tiverton).
BOWLS: Worthing Open tournament. Federation National championships (Skegness). Liverpool Victoria Women's championships (Leamington).
GOLF: German Open (Frankfurt). British Ladies Open amateur stroleplay championship (Royal Porthcawl). WPGA Bowring Scottish Open (Cawdor). Midland matchplay championship (Hinckley).
KARATE: World Invitation Student championship (Crystal Palace).
POLO: Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester).
SHOOTING: British Pistol championship (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Middlesbrough v Hackney. Premier League: Oxford v Swindon; Sheffield v Wolverhampton.

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: ITV 8.30-9.0 p.m. The fastest men on earth: Series on Olympic sprinters.
CRICKET: BBC2 10.45 a.m.-1.05 p.m., BBC1 1.50-3.0 p.m., BBC2 1.35-1.50 p.m., 3.0-6.10 p.m. Live coverage of England v Sri Lanka from Lord's. Highlights BBC1 12.05-12.35 a.m.(tomorrow).

RACING

Deauville clean sweep for British

By Our French Racing Correspondent

Always Fair, partnered by Walter Swinburn, led an English clean sweep in yesterday's feature event at Deauville, the £19,925 Prix Quincey over a mile.

Foreign Survivor (Alain Badel) chased home the Michael Stoute-trained colt with 2½ lengths separating them at the line. The front-running Zelphi was third under Pat Eddery, a further two lengths away.

Zelphi set a moderate pace from the start, but as soon as Swinburn gave Always Fair his head two furlongs out, the race was as good as over, although Foreign Survivor kept on in game fashion. Eddery had to work hard on Zelphi to keep him in front of the fast-finishing Dixiella.

Michael Stoute was delighted with his winner: "What a good performance. He seems to be still improving. We may go for the Prix du Rond Point at Longchamp on Arc day."

The son of Danzig, coupled with Foreign Survivor, incidentally another son of that brilliant young stallion, paid 2.30 for the win on the Pari-Mutuel.

Despite the continuing rumours of a split between Stoute and Swinburn, they seemed on very good terms with each other both before and after the big race.

Other interesting news from Deauville centred around Miesque. Trainer Francois Boutin said that a possible tilt at the Arc had not been ruled out for the brilliant winner of the Jacques le Marois, despite the fact that her only attempt at further than a mile resulted in a heavy defeat at the hands of Indian Skimmer.

Miesque will first take in the Prix du Moulin in 10 days' time. Connections of Warning, at Deauville to see Zelphi, added that he may still reoppose the filly at Longchamp, despite holding an alternative engagement in the Vernons Sprint.

This coming week-end at Deauville sees John Dunlop *attempting a big-race double* with Almaarad and recent winner Ashayer. Almaarad will be attempting to land the Grand Prix de Deauville for the second consecutive year. He may be joined by Sudden Victory.

Ashayer, who took the Prix de Psyche a fortnight ago, may return for the Prix de la Nonette, and Robert Armstong may send Azayim, third in the Psyche, for the same race.

Ives out again with recurring back problem

Tony Ives, due to ride Sheriff's Star, one of the leading fancies in the St Leger on September 10, is grounded yet again with back trouble. The problem first arose when Lake Tiberius slipped up at Leicester on August 2.

The jockey's third comeback in a fortnight ended at Bath yesterday when he rode Fortune Green in the claimer at Bath yesterday. The 9-4 favourite finished down the field with Ives dismounting in obvious pain and unable to take his other booked ride.

The Jockey Club's senior medical officer, Dr. Michael Allen, said: "The problem is a torn muscle. It's a great nuisance but it could take as long as 10 days. We want to get it right this time."

Edderys scotch reports of new riding deal

Reports of a new deal involving Pat Eddery and the Maktoums were *scotched by the former* champion jockey at Deauville yesterday.

Eddery confirmed that he would be riding for Khaled Abdulla again in 1989, and that the Maktoums already have a second claim on the jockey to ride their horses when he is available.

Paul Eddery, also reported to figure in the Maktoum riding arrangements for next year, said at Bath yesterday: "That's the first I've heard of it."

Muddle silent on sale rumour

Ron Muddle, the owner of Lingfield Park, yesterday refused to comment on a report that the Surrey course will shortly be sold to Leisure Investments in a £7 million deal.

Muddle, aged 73, bought Lingfield from Ladbrokes, the bookmakers, in 1982 for £300,000.

Ayr weights

Weights for the Ayr Gold Cup, to be run over six furlongs at the Scottish track on September 16, were announced yesterday.

LEADING WEIGHTS: Wing Park 4-10-0, Sharp Reminder 4-9-10, Young Hal 3-9-9, Captain Holly 4-9-8, Mac's Fighter 3-9-8, Ajanac 4-9-7, Joytotheworld 3-9-6, Sleepy Mountain 3-9-4, Umbelata 6-9-4, Belchster 4-9-4, Polykrates 6-9-3, Wantage Park 4-9-3, Rotherfield Greys 6-9-3, Dawn's Delight 10-9-3, Fleetswood Shooter 4-9-1, Cregside 6-8-13, Simon Rattle 3-8-13, Tolo 3-8-12, Au Courant 3-8-12, Master Policy 4-8-12, Ashling 3-8-12, Norgebie 4-8-11, Vive 3-8-11, Perfect Timing 5-8-10, Marbella Silks 3-8-10, Premier Lad 4-8-9, Whippet 4-8-9, Peroutination 3-8-9, Jabbamine 4-8-9, Portvasco 3-8-7, Thorner Lane 3-8-7, Don Martino 7-8-7, Darking Lad 6-8-6, Cumbrian Express 3-8-6, Chaplins Club 6-8-5, Restore 5-8-5, Powder Blue 6-8-5, Fagrin Herd 3-8-5, Huang Toan 3-8-4, Roman Prose 3-8-4, Fourastik 4-8-3, Nuthatchbr 4-8-3, Aptitude 3-8-3, Golden Ancona 5-8-2, Cronks Quality 5-8-2, Persistent Bid 3-8-2, Gallant Hope 6-8-1, Atall Atall 5-8-1, One Liner 4-8-1, Bertie Wooster 5-8-1, Indian Jubilee 4-7-13, Keen Edge 4-7-12, Prolific 3-7-12, Golden Garter 3-7-12, Late Matinee 3-7-12, Rocidella 4-7-12, Mayor 5-7-11, Duck Flight 6-7-11, Glencroft 4-7-11, One Man Band 4-7-10, Derwent Valley 10-7-10, Odilese 3-7-10, Silks Venture 3-7-10, Joe Sugden 4-7-8, All Honesty 3-7-8, Sailing Lucky 3-7-8, Macrobian 4-7-7.

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Stormline can regain winning thread

By Mandarin

STORMLINE can redeem his tarnished reputation at Salisbury this evening in the Tote Credit Handicap. Last time out, when favourite for the competitive Extel Handicap at Goodwood, the son of The Minstrel failed to run any sort of race because Pat Eddery had difficulty in steering him.

Despite the colt's wayward tendencies, he clearly has a lot ability and is the nap. Before he disappointed at Goodwood, he won well at Sandown Park. On that occasion Eddery confessed that he was out of control for most of the way.

Today's danger, apart from his temperament, is the lightly-weighted Nicolaki. The Ray Laing-trained colt finished well last time out when chasing home Ile De Chypre at Newbury.

However, I feel it is worth taking another chance with the Guy Harwood trained-colt, who can help Pat Eddery complete a treble.

Eddery's other wins can be achieved on REALISM in the Odstock Claiming Stakes and KRAMERIA in the Nightfall Stakes. All of them will be carrying the pink and green colours of Khaled Abdulla.

Guy Harwood can make it a double on the Wiltshire course with FIRST SERVICE in the Netheravon Maiden Fillies' Stakes. The Blushing Groom filly comes from a good family. She is related to Chris Evert, the champion filly in the United States 14-years ago.

Earlier in the day at Brighton, Eddery can successfully wear the colours carried to victory in the Grand National when he teams up with PROVOCATION in the Ruddles Best Bitter Maiden Stakes.

Last time out at Folkestone the Kings Lake filly stayed on well behind Divine Pet, who had previously shown good form when finishing second in a competitive handicap at Goodwood.

The Jeremy Tree-trained DWOWNEDD can follow up his recent victory over today's course and distance in the Phoenix Brewery Handicap. The form looks good as the runner-up, Shabanaz, went on to win well at Newbury.

SKIPPER can open her account for The Queen in the Keith Collins Presidential Maiden Fillies Stakes. Last time out she stayed on well behind Sure Gold, over six furlongs. Today she will be better suited by the extra furlong.

At Beverley, Bill Watts can complete a double with UPTON PARK, in the Walkington Maiden Stakes, and HEAVENLY NOTE, in the Win With The Tote Maiden Stakes.

Last time out Upton Park encountered the Guy Harwood-trained Mazano and today will be opposed by another Harwood runner in Bromo. But I feel the High Top gelding will have derived considerable benefit from his debut outing when beaten only 1½ lengths.

Heavenly Note is reported to have been working well at home and is expected to be another winner for the successful first season sire, Chief Singer.

Gavin Pritchard-Gordon looks to have found the right opening for SLENDER BENDER in the EBF Routh Maiden Fillies Stakes. Last time out at Newmarket she acquitted herself well when beaten five lengths by Aldbourne.

Hern holds fire on St Leger plans

By Phil McLeanan

Dick Hern, trainer of six St Leger winners, is still undecided about his plans for the final classic at Doncaster in 16 days' time following yesterday's acceptance stage.

Hern trains three of the 19 acceptors in Unfuwain, Minster Son and Emmson but not one of the trio is a definite starter.

Neil Graham, assistant to Hern at West Ilsley, said yesterday: "The Major and Sheikh Hamdan have still not made up their minds whether or not to go for the Arc with Unfuwain.

"Minster Son is being prepared for the Leger but needs good ground or faster while Emmson has been given a mid-season break with an autumn campaign in mind. He really needs to get his toe in the ground."

Doncaster acceptors

Apache	C Thornton
Assatis	G Harwood
Balbo Fox	D V O'Brien (Ire)
Clifton Chapel	S Norton
Diminuendo	H Cecil
Emmson	W Hern
Green Adventure	G Harwood
Henbane	G Harwood
Mazzacano	G Harwood
Minster Son	W Hern
Misbah	A Stewart
Nashid	A Stewart
Rachmaninov	E Lellouche (Fr)
Reef Lark	C Britain
Sheriff's Star	Lady Herries
Top Class	C Britain
Unfuwain	W Hern
Waroquser	J Hammond (Fr)
Zaffaran	M Stoute

LATEST PRICES: City Index: 8-4 Diminuendo, 3-1 Unfuwain, 6-1 Sheriff's Star, 7-1 Minster Son, 12-1 Emmson, 14-1 Top Class, Zaffaran, 16-1 Green Adventure, Mazzacano, 25-1 bar.

Brooks has winner with first runner as licensed trainer

By Christopher Goulding

Chalk Pit gave 25-year-old Charlie Brooks a winner with his first runner as a licensed trainer when landing the Shell Tractor Super Engine Novices' Chase at Devon & Exeter yesterday.

Brooks, who was a successful amateur rider, winning the Christies Foxhunters at the Cheltenham Festival on Observe last year when he was assistant trainer to Fred Winter, recently took over the licence from the Lambourn trainer due to his accident.



Charlie Brooks: quickly off the mark with Chalk Pit

Winter, who fractured his skull after falling at his home last year, is making a steady recovery and is currently on holiday in Portugal. It is hoped when he regains his full health he will return to the training ranks where he has sent out the winners of every big race in the National Hunt calendar.

Brooks was instrumental in saddling one of the most popular winners at the Cheltenham Festival this year when Celtic Shot won the Champion Hurdle for the Winter stable.

Chalk Pit won at the Heythrop point-to-point earlier this year but was gaining his first success under Rules when beating Lysithea by 10 lengths. He completed a treble from his only three rides for champion jockey Peter Scudamore.

Scudamore's earlier successes were gained on Pertemps Network and Liadett, both trained by Martin Pipe, who went on to land a hurdles treble when Celcius won the conditional jockeys' race under Rory Macniece.

Pipe was also on the mark on the Flat at Bath where Brilliant Future was a 14-1 winner of the Pennsylvania Maiden Claiming Stakes in the hands of Michael Roberts.

● Then Again is 13-8 favourite with City Index for the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood on Saturday. Other prices: 2-1 Doyoun, 4-1 Magic Of Life, Waajib, 25-1 bar.

● Apprentice Andrew Bacon has left Mel Brittain at Warthill to join Cockerham trainer Jack Berry. Bacon, who has ridden 14 winners and still claims 7lb, can ride at 7st 13lb.

BRIGHTON

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Provocation.	2.00 Tender Whisper.
2.30 Skipper.	2.30 Lariston Gale.
3.00 Dwownedd.	3.00 Father Time.
3.30 Annie Bee.	3.30 Annie Bee.
4.00 Alderney.	4.00 MONFARID (nap).
4.30 Castle Heights.	4.30 Beau Nash.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 DWOWNEDD (nap).

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.0 RUDDLES BEST BITTER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,535: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(8)	2-500	ALL HONESTY 68 (B Pollins) A Hide 9-0	Rae Guest	90
2	(5)	60	CHERRYWOOD LAD 10 (Mrs A Smith) H O'Neill 9-0	N Howe	—
3	(6)	6-42305	DURATIVE 49 (A J Richards) C Austen 9-0	W R Swinburn	74
4	(3)	023-00	TOAD ALONG 15 (N Stafford) D Elsworth 9-0	W Newnes	87
5	(1)	0-00004	BALLAFORT 16 (C A Bertioli) D Laing 8-11	T Williams	—
6	(10)	220-400	GOLDUST 15 (A Sofronieu) M Francis 8-11	R Street	88
7	(4)	04-0065	MY PATRICIA 10 (R Barnsey) H O'Neill 8-11	J Reid	64
8	(9)	0-04300	PRAIRIE SISTER 38 (J P Kenny) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	69
9	(2)	0-63	PROVOCATION 9 (Miss J Reed) D Elsworth 8-11	Pat Eddery	89
10	(7)	644	TENDER WHISPER 9 (British Thoroughbred R & B Pro) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	85
11	(11)	25-236	THUNDERFLASH 83 (BF) (T Stonor) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	99

BETTING: 2-1 Thunderflash, 3-1 Tender Whisper, 4-1 Provocation, 7-1 Toad Along, 10-1 Praine Sister, 12-1 Goldust, 16-1 others.

1987: SHELDON MILLS 8-11 T Ives (10-1) I Balding 10 ran

FORM ALL HONESTY (7-8) 10¾l 9th to Proud And Keen (8-9) at Ascot (5f hcap, £13,443, firm, June 18, 18 ran).

TOAD ALONG best effort when (9-0) 4½l 3rd to Adbass (9-0) at Lingfield (7f mdn, £1,814, good to soft, Nov 2, 13 ran).

BALLAFORT (8-9) 12½l 4th to Cleamour (8-9) at Folkestone (7f grad, £959, firm, Aug 9, 8 ran).

GOLDUST (8-10) 3¾l 4th to Prima Domina (9-3) on Kempton reappearance (6f grad, £2,927, good, May 2, 18 ran).

PROVOCATION (8-11) 4½l 3rd to Divine Pet (9-0) at Folkestone (6f mdn, £959, firm, Aug 16, 11 ran) with TENDER WHISPER (8-11) 3l 4th.

THUNDERFLASH (8-11) best effort a 2½l 2nd to Dabaweyaa (8-11) at Newmarket (7f mdn, £4,650, good, Apr 12, 22 ran).

Selection: THUNDERFLASH

2.30 KEITH COLLINS PRESIDENTIAL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,380: 7f) (17 runners)

6	(5)	00	ELEGANT LASS 17 (D Tapper) M Usher 8-11	A McGlone	—
7	(14)	6	FAR OASIS 23 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	S O'Gorman (7)	—
8	(8)	02	FAYGATE 23 (M Kent) P Walwyn 8-11	J Reid	99
11	(9)	0	GREEN'S COLLECTION 23 (Richard Green) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
12	(12)	64	GREEN'S STILL LIFE 19 (Richard Green) P Cole 8-11	NON-RUNNER	—
14	(1)	46	JUNUH 19 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	74
16	(13)	02	LARISTON GALE 31 (Lariston Apartments Ltd) M Tompkins 8-11	R Cochrane	67
19	(2)	0	MEDICOSMA 13 (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
20	(4)	064448	NORTHWOLD STAR 5 (T Jennings) D Thom 8-11	G Starkey	71
21	(11)	0434	QUEEN ANGEL 41 (Mrs B Fairbairn) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	87
22	(10)	05	RED HOT LADY 31 (I Roseberg) R Voorspuy 8-11	S Whitworth	88
25	(7)		SANTAVARA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
28	(3)	06	SILVER LIGHTNING 54 (Invrogroup Holdings Ltd) N Vigors 8-11	W Newnes	70
29	(15)	23	SKIPPER 19 (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	—	93
30	(16)	3	STEFFANI LADY 76 (Mrs D Swinburn) J Winter 8-11	A Kimberley	81
31	(17)	5	TAJIKA 58 (M Silver) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	80
33	(6)	6	WAVERLEY HEIGHTS 17 (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-11	N Day	72

BETTING: 3-1 Santavara, 4-1 Faygate, 11-2 Medicosma, 6-1 Skipper, 8-1 Junuh, 10-1 Queen Angel, Lariston Gale, 12-1 Tajika, 14-1 Steffani Lady, 16-1 others.

1987: JUNGLE JEZEBEL 9-1 S Cauthen (1-12 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FAYGATE (8-11) ½l 2nd to Chouchounova (8-11) at Leicester (7f mdn, £966, good, Aug 2, 13 ran) with FAR OASIS (8-11) 14½l 6th.

LARISTON GALE (8-9) 1l 2nd to Zaltech (9-0) at Nottingham (6f mdn, £3,030, good to soft, July 25, 15 ran).

SKIPPER (8-11) ½l 2nd to Sure Gold (8-11) at Lingfield (6f mdn, £1,842, firm, Aug 6, 14 ran) with SANTAVARA (Foaled Feb 12) is by top-class miler Kings Lake out of a French middle distance winner who has produced the fairly useful Sansiya.

STEFFANI LADY (8-9) 6½l 3rd to Jaljuli (8-8) at Sandown (5f mdn, £2,893, good, June 10, 13 ran) with RED HOT LADY (8-8) unplaced.

TAJIKA (8-9) 9l 5th to Bryant (8-9) at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,084, good, June 28, 11 ran).

Selection: SKIPPER

3.0 PHOENIX BREWERY HANDICAP (£4,266: 7f) (13 runners)

1	(10)	642041	GILDERDALE 15 (CD,F,G) (J Hibbouse) N Vigors 6-9-11 (6ex)	P Cook	95
2	(7)	4-36221	DWOWNEDD 22 (CD,F) (P Cruchley) J Tree 3-9-10	Pat Eddery	90
4	(4)	004003	PICK OF THE PACK 21 (C,D,F,G) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 4-9-8	G Starkey	99
7	(13)	16-4600	PICAROON 27 (F) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-5	W Carson	88
9	(9)	616355	KORYPHEOS 41 (CD,F,S) (C Papaioannou) S Dow 9-9-3	W Ryan	96
10	(8)	000025	FATHER TIME 33 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hollest) M Tompkins 4-9-2	R Cochrane	98
11	(5)	0-16102	NEVADA MIX 20 (C,F) (N McConnell) N Gaselee 4-8-10	B Rouse	98
12	(1)	003406	PORTHMEOR 19 (D) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 5-8-7	W Newnes	96
13	(12)	403000	FUSILIER 12 (B,D,F,G) (R Richards) H O'Neill 6-8-6	N Howe	97
15	(2)	522000	NUMISMATIST 34 (F,G) (Miss A Whitfield) M Francis 9-8-4	R Street	93
16	(11)	3-00300	SNOW LADY 66 (B,F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 4-8-2	T Quinn	95
18	(6)	016604	COR DE CHASSE 22 (B,D,G) (Mrs J McDougald) I Balding 3-7-12	S O'Gorman (7)	95
23	(3)	005230	TORRANCE 14 (B,CD,G) (Mrs M Bates) D Wilson 4-7-7	N Adams	87

Long handicap: Torrance 7-1.

BETTING: 11-4 Dwownedd, 9-2 Pick Of The Pack, 5-1 Gilderdale, 7-1 Nevada Mix, 8-1 Father Time, 10-1 Koryphoes, 12-1 Numismatist, 14-1 Picaroon, 16-1 others.

1987: NATIVE DRESS 3-8-7 T Ives (9-2) I Balding 7 ran

FORM GILDERDALE (9-3) beat Don Martino (9-10) 2l at Salisbury (7f hcap, £2,916, firm, Aug 10, 14 ran).

DWOWNEDD (8-13) beat Shabanaz (9-10) 3l over course and distance (7f hcap, £3,345, firm, Aug 3, 8 ran) with COR DE CHASSE (8-11) 2¼l 4th.

PICK OF THE PACK (9-4) 2¾l 3rd to Gallant Hope (8-10) here (6f hcap, £8,012, firm, Aug 4, 10 ran).

KORYPHEOS (9-10) beat Beechwood Cottage (9-3) a short head over course and distance (hcap, £2,553, firm, May 11, 12 ran) with SNOW LADY (8-13) 1½l 3rd and TORRANCE (8-4) tailed off.

FATHER TIME (8-7) short head 2nd to Top Dream (8-6) at Lingfield on penultimate start (7f 140yd hcap, £4,162, good, July 8, 10 ran).

NEVADA MIX (9-9) ¾l 2nd to Dancing Sarah (8-3) at Lingfield (6f hcap, £2,917, good to firm, Aug 5, 17 ran).

Selection: GILDERDALE

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Upton Park.	2.15 Camping Out.
2.45 Taimeituk.	2.45 —
3.15 Cree Bay.	3.15 Restless Rhapsody.
3.45 Rapid Lad.	3.45 Lord Lammas.
4.15 Heavenly Note.	4.15 Box Star.
4.45 Slender Bender.	4.45 Slender Bender.
5.15 Nodforms Dilemma.	5.15 Daring Times.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 SLENDER BENDER.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.15 WALKINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (£959: 2m) (6 runners)

7	(6)	000/500-	TIMSOLO 364 (T Hainsworth) J Mulhall 5-9-9	P Burke (5)	—
9	(3)	60-04	ALA AMRIK 80 (A Salem) F Durr 3-8-8	M Birch	69
12	(4)	6	BROMO 13 (Mrs J Chandler) G Harwood 3-8-8	A Clark	—
18	(2)	0-523	POMATUM 22 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-6	S Cauthen	99
19	(5)	3	UPTON PARK 28 (P Newton) J W Watts 3-8-6	N Connorton	94
22	(1)	0-06532	CAMPING OUT 7 BB (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-5	G Carter	91

BETTING: 5-4 Pomatum, 3-1 Upton Park, 9-2 Camping Out, 6-1 Bromo, 14-1 Ala Amrik, 33-1 Timsolo.

1987: EXORBITANT 3-8-8 K Darley (7-4 fav) R Johnson Houghton 14 ran

2.45 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £895: 7f 100yd) (12 runners)

2	(1)	034131	NEAT STYLE 10 (D,F) (A White) R Hollinshead 8-13	A Culhane (3)	96
5	(9)	660040	FOOT PERFECT 13 (S Brown) F Carr 8-6	J Carr (5)	90
6	(10)	556-000	NIGHT TALK 85 (J Bird) P Felgate 8-6	S Wood (5)	87
7	(8)	060-002	TAIMEITUK 19 (B Cooke) J Etherington 8-6	K Darley	94
8	(12)	56-6003	AVANDAV 38 (D Holt) F Lee 8-3	M Roberts	88
9	(4)	5502R0	DOLICHOCEPHALIC 31 (J Livock) J Jenkins 8-3	NON-RUNNER	—
10	(3)	000-050	FACULTY FROLIC 13 (Mrs J Hamilton) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-3	K Fallon (5)	84
11	(11)	060005	LA FESTA 13 (P Savill) W Elsey 8-3	L Charnock	—
12	(6)	00	MASKOONA 10 (D Campbell) D Chapman 8-3	C Campbell (7)	—
13	(7)	0-00050	PENNY PLACE 23 (B) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-3	M Birch	88
14	(2)	0324	PEPIS-NO-PROBLEM 24 (M Kabendi) S Kettlewell 8-3	M Beecroft	90
16	(5)	00-0230	SPRINGFIELD MATCH 43 (G Lowe) P Wigham 8-3	M Wigham	99

BETTING: 4-1 Neat Style, 9-2 Taimeituk, 5-1 Pepis-No-Problem, 6-1 Springfield Match, 8-1 Avandav, 12-1 La Festa, 14-1 Faculty Frolic, 16-1 others.

1987: GLORY GOLD 8-3 K Darley (9-4) M Brittain 8 ran

3.15 MAX JAFFA SPRINT HANDICAP (£2,998: 5f) (25 runners)

1	(5)	524236	JOE SUGDEN 5 (CD,F,S) (F Hines) R Whitaker 4-9-13	M Richardson (7)	95
4	(13)	610160-	CELTIC BIRD 356 (D,F,G,S) (J Cooke) J Balding 8-9-7	W Hayes (7)	90
5	(16)	010040	PROSPECT PLACE 36 (S) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 4-9-5	M Hindley	94
6	(25)	239140	UPTOWN GIRL 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Lockwood) D Chapman 8-9-4	S Webster	94
7	(3)	252600	CREE BAY 5 (D,F,G,S) (D Ossman) J Spearing 9-9-3	A Mackay	95
8	(19)	430305	FARMER JOCK 8 (CD,F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-2	M Roberts	94
10	(8)	268100	LOCHTULLUM 5 (D,F,G,S) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 9-9-0	S Cauthen	96
11	(5)	00-5224	HATAY 38 (D,G) (Mrs H Plumbly) T Bill 3-8-13	A Proud	95
13	(4)	162006	BALKAN LEADER 27 (D,G) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-11	K Fallon (5)	96
14	(7)	5-05600	CHINA GOLD 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Ibbotson) Miss L Siddall 9-8-10	M Birch	94
15	(11)	50-0000	KING CHARLEMAGNE 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Reveley) Mrs G Reveley 8-8-9	N Howe	90
16	(1)	250225	RESTLESS RHAPSODY 20 (B,D,F,G) (W Haggas) W Haggas 5-8-7	B Raymond	94
17	(24)	2514000	BECKINGHAM BEN 15 (V,CD,F,G) (H Pickering) J Legh 4-8-6	J Quinn (5)	96
18	(23)	600400	CAPEABILITY FOUND 20 (D,F,G,S) (M Pound) A Jones 5-8-6	R Lappin (5)	88
19	(20)	000-000	NORAPA 17 (F,G) (A Wragg) J Wainwright 4-8-6	S Morris	86
21	(22)	543204	THISKIAN 6 (D,G) (C Owens) R Hollinshead 4-8-4	A Culhane (3)	88
22	(16)	331430	BELLA SEVILLE 15 (D,G,S) (H Duddin) T Barron 4-8-4	D Nicholls	83
23	(17)	100100	KABCAST 14 (CD,G,S) (D Chapman) D Chapman 3-8-3	S Wood (5)	92
24	(10)	05169-0	BLEU CELESTE 35 (F) (A Merrett) M Britain 4-8-3	M Wigham	83
25	(14)	4-08008	PLICATE 26 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-2	B Crossley	83
26	(21)	3446-00	ALCHEMISTRESS 89 (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 3-8-2	P Dalton (7)	82
27	(12)	360050	VORTRACK 23 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1	W Wharton	99
28	(15)	005050	SLEEPERS 21 (B,D,G) (D Harding) C Booth 4-7-13	S Salmon	90
30	(9)	315031	JACQUI JOY 15 (CD,F,G) (C Bradford-Nuttall) J Berry 5-7-11	Dane Mellor (5)	88
31	(2)	63-2304	BUNNYLOCH 15 (B) (P Heap) J Etherington 4-7-9	J Lowe	96

BETTING: 8-1 Jacqui Joy, 9-1 Lochtillum, 10-1 Joe Sugden, Prospect Place, 11-1 Hatay, Farmer Jock, 12-1 Restless Rhapsody, Uptown Girl, 14-1 Balkan Leader, Cree Bay, 16-1 others.

1987: JOE SUGDEN 3-8-6 K Bradshaw (9-2) R Whitaker 12 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	16	30	53.3
J Glover	4	16	25.0
B Hanbury	5	23	21.7
A Stewart	3	14	21.4
G Harwood	6	30	20.0
R Williams	3	16	18.8

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	3	7	42.9
M Roberts	5	37	13.5
M Birch	30	231	13.0
B Raymond	4	31	12.9
A Clark	4	31	12.9
Dean McKeown	7	59	11.9

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 WEBSTERS YORKSHIRE BITTER SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £866: 1m) (8 runners)

2	(7)	060000	ALVIN YORK 12 (D,G,S) (Pauseroy Ltd (Picture Palace)) M Haynes 9-7	J Reid	80
4	(4)	00-00	ANNIE BEE 27 (Mrs C Braddell) W Haggas 9-3	Pat Eddery	80
5	(6)	0-426	MASCALLS GIRL 21 (B,BF) (Mascalls Stud Farm Ltd) P Makin 9-2	R Cochrane	87
6	(2)	0-150	MASCALLS LADY 19 (CD,F) (C Clarke) R Hannon 9-2	B Rouse	91
8	(3)	0000	DEBACH CARROT 79 (J Miller) J Scargill 9-1	W Newnes	—
10	(5)	06-0002	BELL CAPTAIN 52 (Concorde Bloodstock Agency Ltd) D O'Donnell 8-12	W Ryan	91
11	(1)	00-9000	INVOLVED AGAIN 13 (F Rupa) D Marks 8-12	W Carson	—
12	(8)	062300	SPACE LAB 22 (B) (B Tang) K Brassey 8-11	S Whitworth	98

BETTING: 5-2 Mascalls Lady, 3-1 Space Lab, 7-2 Mascalls Girl, 11-2 Bell Captain, 8-1 Annie Bee, 12-1 Debach Carrol, 14-1 Involved Again, 16-1 Alvin York.

1987: MISS JASMINE 8-5 M Roberts (6-1) D Marks 16 ran

FORM ALVIN YORK (8-12) over 18l unplaced behind Dewliner (8-11) at Leicester (1m seller, £1,038, good to firm, July 12, 19 ran).

MASCALLS GIRL (8-11) 5l 2nd to Grey Rum (9-0) here (7f seller, £870, good to firm, June 30, 7 ran) with SPACE LAB (8-0) ¾l back in 3rd.

MASCALLS LADY (8-11) beat Blue Dec (9-0) 1½l here (1m seller, £866, firm, May 25, 7 ran).

BELL CAPTAIN (8-9) 4l 2nd to Silks Venture (9-0) at Edinburgh (5f app'ce mdn, £1,041, good to firm, July 4, 4 ran).

Selection: MASCALLS LADY

4.0 W & A GILBEYS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

1	(3)	03-023	ALDERNEY 26 (BF) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	99
3	(2)	60-0503	CARFAX 50 (Mrs K Sneath) R Hoad 9-0	S Whitworth	59
5	(5)	5-03000	MAX HEADROOM 51 (C Wright) D Laing 9-0	T Williams	82
7	(1)	0-02	MONFARID 16 (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	90
8	(4)	0000-00	OUR TAKISTA 24 (D Smith (Benson)) H O'Neill 9-0	N Howe	69
11	(6)	2-2223	SKIARY 21 (BF) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	97

BETTING: 11-8 Alderney, 7-4 Monfarid, 2-1 Skiary, 20-1 others.

1987: SILENCE THE WIND 9-0 G Starkey (8-11 fav) G Harwood 11 ran

FORM ALDERNEY (9-0) best effort 2½l 2nd to Gopek (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 2f mdn, £959, good, July 19, 15 ran).

CARFAX (9-0) 11l 3rd to Topsider Man (9-6) here (1m 2f, £2,330, good, July 5, 6 ran).

MAX HEADROOM (8-13) 14l 13th behind Star Reef (7-8) at Warwick (1m hcap, £2,144, good, July 5, 16 ran).

MONFARID (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Ashshama (8-11) at Nottingham (1m 2f mdn, £959, firm, Aug 9, 6 ran).

OUR TAKISTA (8-11) 8l 9th behind Merry Measure (7-8) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f app'ce hcap, £1,516, good, Aug 1, 19 ran).

SKIARY (8-11) 3l 2nd to Raiwand (8-11) here (1m 2f mdn, £959, good to firm, June 30, 8 ran).

Selection: SKIARY

4.30 FAIRLANDS TRAVEL HANDICAP (£2,830: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	56-0324	BEAU NASH 17 (F) (F Salman) M Prescott 4-9-12	G Duffield	91
2	(3)	002020	MONETARY FUND 17 (S) (D Khan) G Lewis 4-9-6	—	90
3	(4)	132011	CASTLE HEIGHTS 9 (D,F) (J Daniels) R Curtis 4-9-1 (4ex)	W Newnes	99
5	(2)	3532	TIKRARA 16 (H H Aga Khan) R Jonnson Houghton 3-8-11	J Reid	93
6	(1)	504100	GAMBLE ON 23 (D,BF,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-8-9	W Carson	90
7	(8)	00-0522	ICE COLONY 23 (J Albinton) John FitzGerald 3-8-8	R Hills	86
8	(6)	0/005-56	TOUCH OF SPEED 28 (K Fischer) M Francis 4-8-7	C Rutter	81
11	(7)	603406	SARNIA SOUND 7 (T Taylor) M Tompkins 3-8-4	R Cochrane	86
13	(11)	42/000-0	DOUBLE OPTION 12 (J Quinn) J D Davies 7-8-1	S P Griffiths	—
14	(12)	0-40320	HEIGHT OF SUMMER 10 (D,F) (R Cruchley) D Arbuthnot 7-8-1	W Ryan	89
16	(9)	025856	MILLER'S TALE 24 (CD,F,G) (I Balding) I Balding 6-7-8	C Avery (7)	98
22	(10)	0600/00-	FULL OF DREAMS 342J (B) (C Harvey) G Gracey 7-7-7	C Munday (7)	—

Long handicap: Full Of Dreams 6-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Castle Heights, 9-2 Ice Colony, 6-1 Beau Nash, 7-1 Monetary Fund, Tikrara, 8-1 Gamble On, 10-1 Height Of Summer, 16-1 others.

1987: SNOWKIST 3-9-9 C Asmussen (9-2) B Hills 8 ran

FORM BEAU NASH (9-0) 1¾l 4th to Sunny Heights (8-5) at Windsor (1m 3f 150y hcap, £2,780, good to firm, Aug 8, 15 ran) with MONETARY FUND (8-6) 7¾l away 5th.

CASTLE HEIGHTS (8-13) beat TIKRARA (8-12) 2½l at Folkestone (1m 4f hcap, £1,559, firm, Aug 9, 16 ran).

ICE COLONY (9-0) 4l 2nd to Hello Steve (9-1) here (1m 4f hcap, 32,620, firm, Aug 2, 10 ran) with GAMBLE ON (9-6) a further 8l away 8th.

HEIGHT OF SUMMER (8-12) best effort 1½l 2nd to Jabaraba (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 4f hcap, £1,380, firm, Aug 1, 6 ran).

Selection: CASTLE HEIGHTS

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	12	25	48.0
J Tree	4	9	44.4
M Prescott	3	8	37.5
G Harwood	22	67	32.8
H Thomson Jones	12	44	27.3
B Hills	8	30	26.7

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Starkey	28	115	24.3
Pat Eddery	24	112	21.4
R Hills	12	60	20.0
Rae Guest	5	28	17.9
G Duffield	6	36	16.7
W R Swinburn	10	63	15.9

3.45 ST JOHN AMBULANCE HANDICAP (£2,355: 1m 2f) (19 runners)

1	(8)	00-5000	QUESSARD 20 (V) (F Lee) F Lee 4-9-10	S Perks	88

CRICKET: SLUGGISH TICKET SALES REFLECT THE ANTIPATHY SURROUNDING ENGLAND'S ATTEMPT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE WILDERNESS

Gooch seeks relief from a summer of desperate muddle

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

There is a sense of desperation in St John's Wood this morning. A Test match against Sri Lanka, at other times little more than an exhibition game, has been elevated by the grim events of the past 12 months into a last chance for England to prove to a largely sceptical audience that they are not the worst Test team in the world.

It is not a happy way to approach a game, but it does give the sixth Cornhill Test of the summer rather more spice than expected. In more prosperous circumstances, England would have found little public appreciation of their efforts against this opposition.

Victory would have been no more than was expected, a draw condemned as failure and defeat as calamity. Now, no matter the shortcomings of the inexperienced Sri Lankans, a win would bring blessed relief after a sequence of 18 barren Tests and help alleviate an increasingly evident antipathy to the team's selection and management.

In football terms, today's contest would be a relegation battle. On the racecourse it would be deemed little better than selling class. The evidence comes in the advance ticket sales, so far only £163,000, well down on the usual Lord's budget. Only 15,000 tickets have been sold for the first three days.

England have not won a game in their last four series on home soil and, after a thorough mauling at the hands of West Indies, they try again with another dramatically reshaped team, containing only five survivors from the four-day defeat at the Oval two weeks ago.

The only player to have ridden this stormy summer is Graham Gooch. Thus, almost by mass default, he has become England's fourth official captain in six games, an unprecedented turnover which smacks of hopelessly muddled thinking by those in power.

How much more settled might things have been if Gooch, one man whose class guarantees permanence, had been appointed as Gatting's successor back in June? This, sadly, is just one instance of belated slamming of stable doors by a selection committee which appears only to get things right once it has exhausted all possible means of getting them wrong.

The most scandalous example is on public display at Lord's today, when Jack Russell makes his debut, which even conservative estimates insist is six matches late. Extremists believe he should have been given the job more than a year ago.

It does seem callously unfair that pure quality has to wait on the shelf while cheaper substitutes corner the market, but hopefully the selectors have now been cured of their persistent faith in wicket-keepers who just might make up (yet seldom do) in batting what they lack in glove work.

Russell will have one familiar face among the bowlers as his Gloucestershire colleague David Lawrence seems sure to open the attack with Neil Foster. England will hope for some pace and bounce in the pitch to promote the theory that Lawrence's extra pace will unsettle the Sri Lankans.

Pringle will presumably be preferred to Newport as the third seamer, leaving Emburey, mercifully back in form, as a lonely spinner unless Barnett's leg breaks are employed. Ideally, England would have liked two spinners, but whichever way Gooch and the selectors examined the options they could not find the room.

The problem is the unbalancing effect of having no one available who can genuinely be considered an all-rounder, good enough to bat at six and act as one of five bowlers. Tony Greig did the job for 58 consecutive matches between 1972 and 1977; Ian Botham made the position his own for the next 10 years. Now, unless Capel improves, there is no one in sight.

England feel obliged to play six specialist batsmen against a weak bowling side. It is not the usual six; there is no longer any such thing. Barnett makes his debut, Robinson returns from exile and Lamb from injury.

Old man Gooch just keeps rolling along . . . 458 runs against West Indies, more than anyone on either side, confirmed his right to be thought the best opener in the world. Still, his public image is that of a dour ditherer, confused and confusing. He knows it, he does not much like it, but neither is he about to change.

Gooch has different priorities to most in his position, and a different, usually introspective and often misunderstood, way of dealing with decisions. But playing for England is still as important to him as ever.

At some stage of the next week, after checking various requirements with the Test and County Cricket Board, Gooch is likely to make himself available for the winter tour of India, ending a now annual saga of suspense. He only needs to galvanize his players adequately in this match to be sure of going as captain.

Lord's teams

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (Essex, capt), T S Curtis (Worcestershire), R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), R A Smith (Hampshire), K J Barnett (Derbyshire), R J Bailey (Northamptonshire), D R Pringle (Essex), J E Emburey (Middlesex), R C Russell (Gloucestershire), N A Foster (Essex), P J Newport (Worcestershire), D V Lawrence (Gloucestershire).

SRI LANKA (from): R S Madugalle (capt), D S B P Kuruppu, S A R Silva, R S Mahanama, A Ranatunga, M A R Samarasekera, L R D Mendis, M A W R Madurusinghe, P A De Silva, J R Ratnayeke, G F Labrooy, F S Ahangama, C P Ramanayake, B Rajadurai.

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder.



Strike force: Lawrence prepares to lead the England offensive against Sri Lanka (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

1988 AVERAGES OF LORD'S TEAMS

England batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
G A Gooch	17	31	1	1924	275	4	14	64.13	20
K J Barnett	16	24	2	1281	239*	4	4	58.22	13
A J Lamb	16	22	5	845	117	4	3	49.70	4
T S Curtis	20	35	3	1314	131	2	7	41.06	17
R T Robinson	18	30	3	1106	134*	4	4	40.96	15
R A Smith	18	36	7	1092	141*	3	3	37.85	12
R J Bailey	20	35	1	1163	127*	2	7	34.20	20
R C Russell	21	31	8	725	72	–	5	31.52	48/11
J E Emburey	17	23	3	566	102	1	3	28.30	24
P J Newport	20	23	8	391	77*	–	1	26.06	6
D R Pringle	16	24	0	478	128	1	3	19.91	4
N A Foster	13	18	2	149	34	–	–	9.31	7
D V Lawrence	19	22	3	170	27	–	–	8.94	3

* denotes not out

Bowling

	Ov	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Avge
P J Newport	528	112	1604	79	8-52	6	20.30
N A Foster	457.5	94	1382	62	6-53	5	21.96
D R Pringle	443.3	107	1251	50	6-39	4	25.02
D V Lawrence	546.2	86	1933	76	7-47	3	25.69
J E Emburey	584.5	187	1338	51	6-24	2	26.23
R J Bailey	37.1	4	135	5	3-27	–	27.00
K J Barnett	104.4	23	280	9	2-15	–	31.11
G A Gooch	137	36	359	10	2-29	–	35.90

ALSO BOWLED: T S Curtis 14.5-1-74-1; A J Lamb 4-0-19-0; R T Robinson 4-0-38-0; R C Russell 1-0-12-0; R A Smith 6.1-1-35-0.

Sri Lanka batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
P A De Silva	4	6	3	236	117*	1	–	78.66	–
J R Ratnayeke	7	8	4	220	60*	–	1	55.00	1
R S Madugalle	6	8	1	374	97	–	3	53.42	4
D S B P Kuruppu	4	7	0	312	158	1	1	44.57	–
L R D Mendis	7	9	2	230	124	1	–	32.85	1
A Ranatunga	6	6	1	163	84	–	1	32.60	2
M A Samarasekera	7	12	2	319	104	1	1	31.90	2
H P Tillekeratne	4	5	1	116	50*	–	1	29.00	4
S A R Silva	6	11	1	285	112	1	1	28.50	12
R S Mahanama	5	8	2	179	48*	–	–	29.83	1
R Madurusinghe	5	5	2	69	30	–	–	23.00	2
G F Labrooy	5	2	0	22	18	–	–	11.00	2
F S Ahangama	4	2	2	3	3*	–	–	–	1

ALSO BATTED: C P Ramanayake (3 matches): 18; S D Anurasiri (2 matches): 4* (1ct); B Rajadurai has played in two matches but did not bat.

Bowling

	Ov	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Avge
F S Ahangama	80.2	19	251	10	4-51	–	25.10
G F Labrooy	133.5	18	478	15	6-61	1	31.86
M A Samarasekera	87.4	8	284	7	3-31	–	40.57
J R Ratnayeke	192.5	32	564	13	3-47	–	43.38
C P Ramanayake	60	8	229	5	2-36	–	45.80
R Madurusinghe	128.4	31	335	6	3-50	–	55.83

ALSO BOWLED: B Rajadurai 20-3-65-1; S D Anurasiri 35-7-108-0; P A De Silva 1-0-10-0; A Ranatunga 36-4-133-0; H P Tillekeratne 4-0-21-0.

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

YACHTING: RIVAL DESIGNERS DO BATTLE FOR AMERICA'S CUP DEFENCE

Move to race in comfort

By Barry Pickthall

In an effort to rekindle interest in the higher levels of the sport, the Royal Ocean Racing Club is finalising proposals for changes in the rules to encourage more comfortable designs with greater stability, and better appointed interiors.

Among the changes under discussion are the inclusion either of lead penalty weights added in the overhangs of grand prix yachts or rating penalties to balance out the speed advantages of light displacement, stripped out interiors, high-tech rigs and exotic sails.

Stability is also to be encouraged, in an effort to lessen the reliance on crews sitting out on the weather rail to keep the boats upright.

Yachtsmen around the world have shown tepid interest this season as the cost of offshore racing in the present crop of designs is not offset once their racing days are over. These proposed changes, to be put to the annual meeting of the Offshore Racing Council in November, provide the best hope yet of bringing the sport back to the days when families could race competitively and cruise in comfort.

One indication of the support expected for such changes comes in a survey carried out by the British club showing that 78 per cent of owners would like to see the dangerous practice of crews sitting with their legs over weather side banned during overnight races. While this may prove difficult to police, a return to traditional watch systems would undoubtedly bring a lot of the enjoyment back into offshore racing.

Conner on a wing and prayer

By Barry Pickthall

The real battle for the America's Cup is not between New Zealand's *monohull* and Dennis Conner's smaller but faster catamaran, but between rival designers within the American camp.

This became evident last week when minutes were all that divided Conner's two catamarans during initial trials to evaluate rival solid articulating wing and soft sail rig options developed for his defence. By contrast, both catamarans are expected to beat New Zealand's 132ft (90ft waterline) craft by more than an hour.

Conner, who has been at the helm of his favoured soft-rigged boat, has faced defeat in the first three encounters against the latest articulating wing sailed catamaran, skippered by Duncan MacLane.

During the first encounter in 7-8 knot winds, Conner won the start by 20 seconds, but the wing- sailed craft took the lead after 1¼miles to round the top mark more than four minutes ahead and finish the 20-mile race with a 7min 20sec advantage.

Conner again won the start in the second race and continued to gain on the initial upwind leg, rounding the weather mark 2min 10sec ahead. He was caught out however when the 9-10 knot breeze softened during the return, and the yacht jointly designed by MacLane and David Hubbard, eventually took the race by 7min 05sec.

Their final race proved more even and after a brief tacking duel in the 9 knots winds, Conner again rounded the weather mark first, only to fall behind on the run home to lose by 2min 20sec.

Despite the convincing result, John Marshall, Conner's design co-ordinator, says he remains sceptical that the 108ft wing mast will be best on the day. "We've yet to test it in heavier air or rough and difficult seas and also have not done any mechanical stress testing on the boats since the new wing went in."

Conner also pointed to the mechanical problems that may yet present a tortoise and hare upset to the predicted outcome to his match against New Zealand. "You always have the possibility of a breakdown with a small boat," he said yesterday. "As soon as you fix something, there always seems to be a problem somewhere else."

Help by de Savary has Fein reaching full pelt

Stephen Fein and his Full Pelt crew head for Sete today to continue their battle against the French, Swiss and American crews for the Formula 40 multihull championship (Barry Pickthall writes).

The team, skippered by Jo Richards, won the previous grand prix at Marseilles two weeks ago and begin this second Mediterranean regatta in third place overall, three points behind Adrenalin, the American trimaran, and within seven points of Biscuits Cantreau, the series leader.

In the five regattas so far, the Ed Dubois-designed British trimaran has shown a steady improvement after finishing sixth at its first outing at Brest earlier in the season.

"We have a much better understanding of the boat now we have worked on the sails with Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow challenge group. We are now pointing higher and sailing faster than the competition," Dubois said.

Fein, the owner who made the jump from international offshore racing last year, hopes that Full Pelt's performance during this their first season of multihull racing will encourage others to join the fray, including Seamus Gallagher, the Irish sailor of Wee Willie Winkie fame, who plans to build a Dubois design trimaran to take on entries from West Germany and Scandinavia next season.

Bullimore has benefit of drop in breeze

Tony Bullimore and his crew aboard the 60ft Spirit of Apricot moved from sixth to third in the transatlantic race from Quebec to St Malo yesterday, despite losing an hour at anchor (Barry Pickthall writes).

The British crew were forced to stop off St Madeleine island as a penalty for their collision earlier with Lada Poch, the French trimaran, but luckily this "time out" coincided with a drop in the wind that brought all but the leading yacht to a halt.

By the time the winds filled in again, Apricot had crept up to within nine minutes of Fujicolor, Mike Birch's leading class two trimaran, after overtaking Elf Aquitaine, Laiterie Mount St Michel and Groupe Pierre I.

Gadd to be back

John Gadd, the former England flanker, has shown such good form in Gloucester's trials he is likely to earn an immediate recall to the first team against Gordon League on Tuesday after spending last season at Stroud.

RUGBY UNION

All Blacks reach for the French advantage

From Chris Thau
Dax, France

New Zealand have made only one change to the side that won 25-13 against England in the qualifying group for their Students World Cup semi-final against France in Perpignan today.

In order to increase the size of their back row, Stephen Burkhart, of Waikato, has replaced Dallas Seymour. While the move could be regarded as legitimate, taking into account the size of the French back row, what New Zealand might have gained in height, however, they may have surrendered in mobility.

Although the New Zealand scrummage has improved considerably since their mauling by the Soviets, it still remains a weakness the French are eager to exploit. While the French scrum is to be spearheaded by Astruc, New Zealand will sorely miss their best scrummager and lineout expert, Mata'afa Keenen, who broke a hand in the first game.

The French are favourites, but should New Zealand expertise and toughness prevail, it will be very much against the wishes of New Zealand Rugby Union.

"It's not only that the NZRU didn't help the universities to put together this side, but for domestic reasons they actively tried to discourage us from taking part in the tournament," Murray Kendrick, the New Zealand captain, said.

Here in Dax, on the Basque coast, Argentina are ready to put an end to the mounting Soviet challenge. In Puma props Dardo Gonzalez and Daniel Sanes, they have two formidable scrummagers while Parodi, Valesani and Mostany, the third full international in the pack, can challenge the Soviets in the line-out. England have already exposed the Soviet scrummage as a sham and the young Argentinians could do the same.

Argentina's stand-off, Diego Dominguez, can bring the best out of a fast and skilful back division featuring the Puma full-back, Sebastian Salvat, and one of their up-and-coming centres, Gustavo Maschwitz.

If Argentina's back row can limit the effectiveness of the Soviet loose trio of Charkov, Ovsianik and Sokolov then Salvat, Dominguez and Co can do the rest.

SEMI-FINAL TEAMS:
At Perpignan
FRANCE: P Berthelmy (capt); S Weller, G Cassagne, J-M Pain, P Hontas, T Lacroix, P Ladouce; L Benezech, T Astruc, P Voisin, X Blond, B Fabre, P Reguengo, J-M Lhermet, O Roumat.
NEW ZEALAND: A Smecock; P Currie, B Mather, M Kendrick (capt), A Cran; M George, A Strachan; N Anderton, D Morrison, T Su, M Otai, J Jackson, R Patterson, S Bruchhart, K Schuler.
At Dax
ARGENTINA: S Salvat; M Righentini, G Maschwitz, P Garzon, C Boutsel; D Dominguez, R Crexell; D Gonzalez (capt), R Le Fort, D Sanes, M Catarck, M Valesani, G Parodi, G Suarez Lago, J A Mostany.
SOVIET UNION: N Dzagaridze; S Djanaidze, A Andreev, D Vinohodov, A Korolkin; Y Nikolaev, A Prokiovi; B Samardan, S Molchanov, A Kirpa (capt), A Sokolov, S Sergheev, A Spiega, M Sharkov, S Ovsiank.

Seaton is Scots' saviour

By Sydney Friskin

Scotland **3**
Kenya **0**

Scotland achieved a double over Kenya in the second international match at Crystal Palace yesterday, having beaten them 1-0 on the previous day. The Scots were indebted to Alistair Seaton, of Old Loughtonians, for an outstanding display of goalkeeping.

Kenya gave an improved performance but were unlucky, and their misfortune began in the fifth minute when Akatsa's shot hit a post on the follow-up to a short corner. This was the first of a sequence of 10 short corners to Kenya in the first half, and Seaton saved eight powerful shots.

The Kenyans, unable to put the finishing touch to their abundant skills, fell behind in the 28th minute when Hay scored from Cuthill's free hit. With the Scots defending more stubbornly, Kenya were given less access to the circle in the second half.

The match unfortunately turned a little sour when three players were temporarily suspended, Cox and Okoth together for a show of temper, and Saini for a questionable tackle.

Scotland increased their lead from the first of three short corners earned in this period, Cowan scoring from Cuthill's square pass.

SCOTLAND: A Seaton; M Yellowlees, J Cox, A Scouller, K Knapp (sub: D Sim), C McLeod (sub: A Nicol), B Cuthill, J Christie, A Hay (sub: S Caswell), R Cowan, A Kay.
KENYA: E Odoi (sub: P Omany); J Akumu (sub: R Odhiel), L Alubaha, M Omondi, J Okom, C Oguk, S Muange (sub: S Otiso), S Goyal, P Akatsa, P Saini, C Otambo.
Umpires: A Carson and R O'Connor (Ireland).

Imran will not lead Pakistan in Test series

Islamabad (Reuter) — Australia's tour of Pakistan, which begins on September 5, is in no danger at present of cancellation or postponement following the death of President Zia ul-Haq, a spokesman at the Australian embassy said here yesterday. The situation in Pakistan is, however, being closely monitored.

It was, meanwhile, confirmed by the Pakistan cricket board secretary, Arif Abbasi, that Imran Khan, who was recalled largely on the initiative of President Zia to lead the side to West Indies earlier this year, would not be continuing as captain. An announcement on the captaincy will be made shortly.

The first two matches of the tour have been brought forward by one day to avoid playing on a national holiday. The opening three-day match against a President's XI in Rawalpindi will begin on September 5.

Earlier start for big three

The leading three teams in the Refuge Assurance League will start their matches half an hour early on Sunday to accommodate television coverage.

BBC cameras will be flitting between Worcester, where the champions and leaders, Worcestershire, take on Warwickshire; the Oval, where the second-placed Lancashire meet Surrey; and Headingley, where Yorkshire entertain the third-placed Middlesex. All three games will start at 1.30 instead of the usual time of 2.0.

Allen carries Enfield to decisive victory

By Mike Berry

Enfield, galvanized by an unbeaten 119 from Allen, their opening batsman, lifted the 1988 Cockspur Cup in one of the most one-sided finals in the 20-year history of the National Club championship at Edgbaston yesterday.

Allen, dismissed for only one in Friday's original game at Lord's, turned the contest into a runaway win. Enfield passed Wolverhampton's 164 for nine off 45 overs on 165 for one with the luxury of 10 overs to spare.

He chastised anything that dropped short to hit 15 fours and two sixes in an innings that bristled with quality. Wolverhampton bowled badly and wilted in the field as Allen and Sandrock put on 141 for the first wicket.

Wolverhampton had failed to capitalize on reaching 113 for two in the 33rd over. The spinners, Morgan and Keable, pegged back a brisk start by conceding only 41 runs from a combined 18 overs and although Griffin and Williams threatened to cut loose against the second-line seamers, thereafter came a slump when three wickets fell in successive overs to Roach and Higgs.

WOLVERHAMPTON
R Griffin c Brown b Roach 48
D Lampitt b Morgan 30
†D Manning b Keable 15
G Williams b Higgs 14
J Hughs b Higgs 1
R Wood run out 23
T Heap lbw Higgs 4
*P Jones lbw Roach 15
C Horton b Roach 4
J Turner not out 0
D Barnes not out 1
Extras (b 2 lb 4 w 2 nb 1) 9
Total (9 wkts, 45 overs) 164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-85, 3-113, 4-115, 5-117, 6-131, 7-154, 8-159, 9-163.

BOWLING: Lester 5-0-22-0; Carter 5-2-20-0; Morgan 9-3-17-1; Keable 9-2-24-1; Roach 9-0-35-3; Higgs 8-1-40-3.

ENFIELD
J Allen not out 119
G Sandrock b Jones 30
*M Morgan not out 2
Extras (b 3 lb 7 w 2 nb 2) 14
Total (1 wkt, 34.5 overs) 165

A Moulding, P Keable, A Roach, A Higgs, M Walton, †G Brown, R Carter and M Lester did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-141.

BOWLING: Turner 7.5-1-37-0; Williams 7-0-38-0; Barnes 5-0-22-0; Jones 9-0-33-1; Horton 6-0-25-0.

Silva's half-century

An aggressive half-century by Jay Silva shored up the Sri Lankan batting yesterday when they were bowled out for 174 after winning the toss against England in the under-17 international at Canterbury.

Sri Lanka had been reduced to 78 for four when Silva, going for his shots in entertaining fashion, scored 54 out of 74 which had been added before he was eighth out at 142.

He reached his half-century in 90 minutes with seven fours and two sixes before he perished to a catch at mid-off by Warren to reward the medium-paced and consistent Hallett, who reaped an impressive return of five for 35 and was well supported by the medium pace of Irani.

Second XI championship

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire 256 for 6 (M E O'Connor 140 not out) v Surrey.
LEICESTER: Glamorgan 145 (C C Lewis 4 for 30); Leicestershire 16 for 1.
MARSKE-BY-SEA: Kent 219 (J I Longley 69, V Wells 62; M Doidge 4 for 54); Yorkshire 57 for 3.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire 213 for 9 (C D Matthews 52; R S Weir 4 for 71) v Warwickshire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire 245 for 8 dec (K B K Itaculte 71, C I O Ricketts 50, N J Pitts 48); Somerset 25 for 1.
STEETLEY: Derbyshire 137 (R G Watson 67; D J Malins 4-41); Nottinghamshire 130 for 4 (P R Pollard 85, B N French 50 not out).
OUNDLE SCHOOL: Northamptonshire 230 (B Hartland 80; N E Briers 5 for 49), Worcestershire 12 for no wkt.

Minor Counties

CHESTER (Boughton Hall): Wiltshire 132 (J S Hitchmough 6 for 57) and 156 (M G Boocock 4 for 41); Cheshire 233 (D W Varey 55, C Trambath 5 for 68) and 56 for 3. Cheshire won by seven wickets.

Clarke on move

Sylvester Clarke, the Surrey fast bowler, has moved from Orange Free State to Northern Transvaal for the South African Currie Cup season.

EQUESTRIANISM

Fitzwilliam ride well to claim prize

By a Special Correspondent

Neighbouring pony clubs, the Fitzwilliam Hunt and the Burghley, pulled off the two major awards at the P and O European Ferries' showjumping championship at Weston Park, Shropshire, yesterday.

After the Fitzwilliam had three clears in the first round, Rebecca Simpson, normally so reliable, had one down in the second round, so the pressure was on with three of the four scores to count. However, the others rode really well to go clear and win.

The North Norfolk, East Devon, Warwickshire, and Bicester and Warden Hill all finished on four faults and were placed in that order on time.

Thirty out of the 360 teams in the 19 area qualifying events came through to the championship. All completed the first round at 3ft 9in, but in the second round, with some of the fences up to 4ft, the story was different.

The Burghley — whose chief instructor is Nikki Herbert, wife of the Burghley course designer, Philip — achieved a unique victory when winning both the horsemanship and the turnout awards. They now go to the Burghley horse-trials pony club competition.

RESULTS: P and O Ferries' championship: 1, Fitzwilliam Hunt, 0 faults; 2, North Norfolk, 4, 212.01; 3, East Devon, 4, 215.06; 4, Warwickshire, 4, 230.59; 5, Bicester and Warden Hill, 4, 236.67.

● David Broome and Michael Whitaker, two members of Great Britain's Olympic show jumping team, will compete in the Hamburg show from today until Sunday. They will be joined in West Germany by John Whitaker, Michael's brother, Broome's sister Liz Edgar, Kelly Brown, Harvey Smith and his son, Steven.

Four of the five British riders selected for Seoul will compete in the Calgary international show on September 7 to 11 for the world's top show jumping prize of around £40,000. They are Malcolm Pyrah, Nick Skelton, Whitaker, and Broome, who will ride second choice horses as their Olympic mounts are in quarantine.

BOWLS

Hufton and Fisher are made to work hard

By David Rhys Jones

The Jewson EBF national championship at Skegness was plunged into a hectic scramble as entries were duplicated and many ties were not played on schedule as organizers attempted to process twice as many competitors as normal.

First rounds were completed in the four-wood singles on the Sun Castle greens and Geoff Hufton, of Mansfield Colliery, Notts, one of the favourites, survived a 21-16 tussle with Brian Winn, of Norfolk. Hufton has appeared regularly in the EBA championship over the years, and is making a strong attempt to win his first federation singles title.

Meg Fisher, of Warboys White Hart, Huntingdonshire, the holder of the four-wood singles, also came through, beating Margaret Cattermole, of Sweffling, Suffolk, 21-17.

In the three-wood rink, Norfolk A (M Sheldrake, E Martin, and R McQuade, of Swanton Morley) met their county colleagues, K Whitehead, J Tuttle and M Shaw, of Poringland Swan, in the first round, and were soundly beaten, Norfolk B winning 24-9.

"We have been operating under severe difficulties this year," Cecil Kemp, the EBF assistant secretary, said: "but I think we will fit all the games in by the end of the week."

RESULTS: Men: Four-wood singles: K Deeks (N Essex) bt S Cole (Cleveland), 21-14; R Rasberry (N Cambs) bt M Talbot (Durham), 21-18; R McGrigor (Suffolk) bt R E Mofton (Northants), 21-10; A Horton (Northants) bt S Smith (N Cambs), 21-9; N Harris (Northumberland) bt B Miller (Derby), 21-20; G Tortiseman (Lincs) bt I Dixon (Cleveland), 21-12; G Hufton (Notts) bt B Winn (Norfolk), 21-16.
Women: Four-wood singles: W Lutkin (Northants) bt S Cunis (Norfolk), 21-10; N Carroll (Northumberland) bt L Malbank (Norfolk), 21-9; J Bannister (Lincs) bt L Brady (Derbys), 21-17; M Johns (Notts) bt J Newman (Huntingdonshire), 21-12; G Cook (Suffolk) bt T Heslop (Northumberland), 21-16; C Clumney (N Cambs) bt K Brown (Cleveland), 21-18; P Mizon (N Essex) bt R Markham (Humberside), 21-17; M Osbourne (Notts) bt F Pemison (Humberside), 21-13; M Fisher (Hunts) bt M Cattermole (Suffolk), 21-17.

● Mary Price, Joyce Collison and Anne Erridge scored a six on the 12th end of their triples semi-final against Lenham, Kent, at the Liverpool Victoria Insurance national championship at Leamington Spa yesterday.

Then the Lenham three, Audrey Ellis, Shirley Haynes and Barbara Jones, rallied to score on six successive ends but still could not catch the Buckinghamshire trio, who won 18-15.

Their opponents in the final are Selina McNeil, Lucy Bownlie and Mavis Steele, from Sunbury Sports, who defeated Laura Reeder, Pam Hopper and Kath Wilson, from Appleby Frodingham, Scunthorpe, by 17-12 after climbing back from a 10-2 deficit.

Target for Hearns

Los Angeles (AP) — Thomas Hearns, the first holder of titles in four divisions, will challenge for a fifth championship when he meets Fulgencio Obelmejias, the World Boxing Association super-middleweight champion, on November 4 in Las Vegas. Two other championships will be on the card at the Hilton Hotel: Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation middleweight champion, faces Juan Domingo Roldan and Matthew Hilton, the IBF junior middleweight champion, meets Robert Hines.

Tokyo (Reuter) — Juan Jose Estrada, the WBA junior-featherweight champion of Mexico, will defend his title against Takuya Muguruma, of Japan, on October 16 in Osaka.

MOTOR RACING

Long wait facing Herbert

Johnny Herbert, the 1987 British Formula Three champion, faces two to three months in a wheelchair as a result of his crash at Brand's Hatch on Sunday.

But two doctors who specialize in motor racing injuries flew in to see him in hospital last night, and it is likely that the Romford driver, aged 24, will be back behind the wheel for the start of the 1989 season.

Nigel Cobb, a bone specialist who treated Barry Sheene, returned from abroad to examine Herbert at the Queen Mary Hospital, in Sidcup. Professor Sidney Watkins, the consultant to Formula One drivers, was due to accompany Cobb.

Herbert, tipped to be a Formula One driver, had his ankles and feet crushed in an eight-car pile up during the International Formula 3000 race at the Kent circuit.

His agent, Anne Neal, said yesterday: "He is likely to be in hospital for about three weeks and when he goes home he will be in a wheelchair for two or three months. He had a bit of an uncomfortable night, but he was very chirpy this morning and eager to be up and about."

GLIDING

Patience unrewarded

By Maxwell Fendt

Every competition day in this country that has thermals which permit a task to be set and flown has to be regarded by the pilots as their last chance.

That was particularly so in the junior national at Booker, which has been dogged by disappointing days even when prospects have been reasonably promising in the mornings.

Thus Mike Young's rush past well-practised Tim Scott to pole position on the second day may well prove to have been good opportunism, as yesterday the 75-mile task was upheld from noon for four hours, to be slotted in to any possible two-hour gap in the overcast conditions which threatened rain, and competitors' patience went unrewarded as they were eventually stood down at teatime.

Today, therefore, is the last chance for Scott and Young, with Steve Jones, Ed Downham, and Peter Wells still within striking distance to fly what will be a needle match if the weather permits.

OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, M Young (ASW19), 1,899 pts; 2, T Scott (ASW20), 1,672; 3, P Wells (Pegasus), 1,571; 4, E Downham (Libelle), 1,425; 5, S Jones (Discus B), 1,226.

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RUGBY UNION

All Blacks reach for the French advantage

From Chris Than
Dax, France

A game falling into the money trap

A representative of Barclays, the sponsors of the Football League, tells the chilling story. Approached by an agent before the European championship in June, he was asked whether his company would be interested in becoming one of the beneficiaries of the England squad during the tournament in West Germany.

In return for their generosity, Barclays would apparently be guaranteed global pictorial publicity. How? The agent stipulated that after each England goal, the scorer would be instructed to celebrate his feat in the appropriate place. He would lead his colleagues to an advertising board bearing the bank's name.

The offer was declined instantly. Barclays' negotiator was astounded to hear that the England players carried out two duties. One, to their country, remains central. The other, to their financiers, lies on the perimeter. But business, as illustrated by the bankers' tale, now

In his assessment of the new League season, Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, sees a sterile future as clubs bow not to supporters, but sponsors

threatens to encroach too far on to football's fields.

Sponsorship has long been regarded as essential if League clubs are to continue to exist. Yet, in leaning increasingly heavily on the necessary evil, the game is in danger of losing all of the colour, the charm, the individuals and the sense of adventure that once rendered it indisputably the national sport.

Neither managers, nor coaches, nor players have the freedom to take risks or to experiment. Rather than attempting to entertain the public, which used to be their life blood, they must win for the sake of their future security. No one backs losers, no matter how attractive they may be in defeat.

Players are not so much naturally competitive as cynical creatures. For instance, they instinctively delay free kicks that have been awarded against them. To remove the ball from the area where a foul has been committed is considered a legitimate tactic rather than the act of a petulant cheat.

During the tournament at Wembley 10 days ago, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur carried out the ploy (which allows defenders time in which to rearrange themselves) more often than either Bayern Munich or even AC Milan, Italians, in their readiness to bend the rules, were thought to be the champions of Europe.

During the FA Charity Shield on Saturday Wimbledon's goalkeeper, not a hardened professional but a 20-year-old debutant, sprinted some 25 yards on to the running track to kick the ball away from McMahon. Any fixture this season which does not feature a similar, if less extreme, example of time-wasting will probably be unique.

The twisted notion that a side must "win at all costs" leads also to physical malice. Supposedly friendly matches in the build-up to the season have included one innocent being knocked unconscious and two pugilists being sent off (or they would have been had both not been immediately substituted) at Upton Park.

As well as indulging in spiteful and often disguised brutality, teams protect themselves by hiding behind the offside trap. The back four may be collectively efficient but the grossly over-used tactic, apart from being a screaming bore for spectators, has helped to diminish the individual ability of defenders.

The same dreaded fear of defeat which persuades managers to rely on the setting of offside traps dissuades them from trying new ideas. How many clubs this season will dare to employ only three defenders at the back, a formation which was used by all four of the semi-finalists in the European championship.

The claim that the League is the strongest in the world is a myth. Did Liverpool, so dominant in winning the championship, not suffer their heaviest defeat for a dozen years (inflicted by Atlético Madrid) during their preparations? Were Manchester United, the runners-up, not embarrassed at Old Trafford by AC Milan last season?

The League may be the biggest in the world and the most isolated but it is a stale, sweaty place where art has been replaced almost wholly by industry. Talent, squeezed into a handful of rich clubs, has been taken over generally by mediocrity, and safety is put well above adventure.

As football yields its sporting soul to business, so it will lose its public appeal. When an Englishman has to use his peripheral vision after he scores to check on the location of a particular advertising hoarding, then money is talking far too loudly for the health of the game.

Tottenham enter the chase for Townsend

Norwich City may be beaten to signing Andy Townsend, the Southampton midfield player, by Tottenham Hotspur. Norwich agreed a fee £300,000 with Southampton on Tuesday, but have failed to negotiate personal terms since.

Tottenham, whose manager, Terry Venables, admires the workrate and scoring ability of Townsend, have made a late bid for him too.

● Portsmouth may postpone their first home match of the season, against Leicester City on Monday, because of repair work needed at Fratton Park.

● An anonymous punter will collect £500,000 if Scarborough reach the first division by the 1991-92 season after placing a £4,000 bet, at 125-1, with William Hill. The same man also placed £10,000 each way at 25-1 on the club winning the fourth division this season.

● Brentford have agreed terms over last month's transfer of Gary Phillips to Reading, thus avoiding a tribunal decision. Reading will pay Brentford £15,000 for the goalkeeper, plus two additional instalments of £7,500 when he has made 25 and 45 appearances.

● Two neighbouring Potteries clubs, Stoke City and Port Vale, have agreed that hooligans banned from one of the clubs will be automatically refused entry to the other. A supporter will be banned if convicted of an offence relating to the staging of a football match involving either club, or who has been ejected from a ground twice.

Charlton attacks ban delay

By Ian Ross

Bobby Charlton, the former England international who is a director of Manchester United, yesterday accused the Football Association of hypocrisy over its decision not to seek the readmission of English clubs to European competitions.

Charlton said that he believed the FA "panicked" when they decided voluntarily to extend the ban after disturbances involving English supporters during the European championship finals in West Germany.

"I think they panicked and pulled us out. We will now have to wait at least another year," he said.

"If the FA says that these clubs cannot play in Europe I cannot understand why the England national team is still allowed to compete in Europe. I see that as a little hypocritical. No one has yet given me a reason why England is still allowed to play but our clubs are not.

"It would seem that until life in this country is perfect we will not get back in."

Charlton's sentiments were echoed by Sir Matt Busby, the former United manager who led the club to success in the European Cup in 1968.

"I hope for a change of mind in the very near future. We have had some lovely times and some sad times but there is a need for Manchester United to be in Europe," he said.

Both men were speaking at the launch in Manchester of a book, *Red Devils in Europe*, which details United's European exploits between 1956 and 1985.

Liverpool to wait on Rush

By Ian Ross

Ian Rush, who rejoined Liverpool from the Italian club Juventus last week, is unlikely to know if he will play in Saturday's opening League game of the season, against Charlton Athletic, until shortly before kick-off.

The forward is eligible to play for the League champions following the arrival of his international registration at Anfield earlier in the week.

But although Rush has indicated that he would like to face Charlton, Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, was worried about the Welsh international's fitness so soon after his recovery from a viral infection.

Rush has managed only light training since his return to Liverpool and he missed a practice match held behind closed doors at Anfield on Tuesday.

"I feel physically fit but I may need a couple of games to get back my mental sharpness," Rush said yesterday.

● MOSCOW: Juventus paid $5 million (about £3 million) for Alexander Zavarov, the Dynamo Kiev midfield player, according to the Soviet Union's government newspaper, *Izvestia*. Valery Lobanovsky, the Kiev trainer, said in the article that $2 million would go to the club, $1 million into the Soviet state budget, and the remainder to the Soviet Sports Committee towards its Olympic costs. Zavarov, aged 28, has signed a three-year contract.

BOXING: PSYCHOLOGICAL TUTORING FOR BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC TEAM

Amateurs conjure an animal magic

By Bryan Stiles

This could be the year of the lion for Great Britain's boxers at the *Olympic Games in Seoul*. The lion is one of the images used by a sports psychologist to put the amateurs in the right frame of mind to take on what is likely to be the most hectic Games on record. There will be 550 boxers — 200 more than usual — battling for medals next month and those who do collect gold will have to box five times in 14 days.

John Lyon, the Merseyside flyweight, has seen it all before. This will be his second Olympics and he is the leading light in the team, with a record seven ABA titles to his name. But even he has been impressed with the way he and his compatriots are being prepared to take on the best in the world.

With a surname like his he immediately went for the image of a lion when Richard Butler, a sports psychologist drafted in from Leeds, asked all the boxers in turn to picture an animal in their mind's eye while shadow boxing and to copy its strong points such as speed, strength, power or balance. Others in the team chose tigers, cobras or cheetahs.

Butler claims to have noted improvements in the boxers' activity in the short time he has been working with them and Kevin Hickey, the team coach, is sure that the techniques being used by the psychologists will help his young charges through the stress of the Olympic tournament.

The work of the sports psychologist was revealed at a reception yesterday at the London headquarters of the construction firm, Wimpey, who have handed over £11,000 to help finance the team's preparation. The money has helped the boxers use the training facilities at Crystal Palace and to provide them with a dietician, a sports physiologist and the psychologist.

Hickey is convinced that his team is the best prepared boxing contingent to leave Britain for any Olympics but acknowledges that a great deal will depend on a good draw as well as the skills and mental ability of the boxers. Hickey is charged with the job of putting the work of the psychologist into practice during the Games.

The boxers welcome all the help they have been given as they try to improve Britain's medal-winning record. The team has not won a gold medal since Chris Finnegan achieved the feat in Mexico 20 years ago. The best they have managed in the last three Olympics has been one bronze.



Stepping out: Britain's Olympic representatives shape up on the eve of their departure

BRITISH TEAM: Light-flyweight: M Epton (Mexborough ABC, South Yorks). Fly: J Lyon (Greenall St Helens ABC, Merseyside). Bantam: M Devaney (Paisley ABC). Feather: D Anderson (Bellahouston ABC, Glasgow). Light: C Kane (Antonine ABC, Failley, Clydebank). Light-welter: M Elliot (Bennett Bank, ABC, Telford). Light-middle: R Woodhall (Sslop Golden Gloves ABC, Telford). Heavy: H Akinwande (Lynn AC, Lewisham).

GOLF

Langer must calm his nerves to avoid financial cut

From Mitchell Platts
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Not even the small fortune that Bernhard Langer has made in the past eight years can disguise his fear of failure in the German Open, which begins here today on the Frankfurter course.

Langer is desperately clinging to the hope of finding another cure for the putting yips which have returned to haunt him. Yet the pressure of exorcising that demon from his game might be too intense for him to succeed in front of his own supporters.

The West German possesses considerable willpower. Even so, he will not know until he is locked in the heat of competition whether his putting stroke will once again betray him. He is probably being paid his usual appearance fee of around £35,000, so he carries the additional burden of knowing the sponsors will want him present for the entire weekend.

In pure financial terms, Langer has probably forfeited approximately £200,000 in prize winnings this summer by missing a succession of half-way cuts. What is more, some sponsors are likely to demand in future that his appearance payments are conditional on him surviving the half-way cut.

There is an abundance of sympathy for Langer, but less for Severiano Ballesteros for suggesting here that the European tour has an unbalanced schedule. "Everybody thinks everything in the garden is lovely," he said. "But something is wrong when six of the best follow one another. I have to take breaks."

Ballesteros has decided not to compete in the European Open at Sunningdale. He draws most of his appearance fees — approximately £45,000 a time — from Continental events, although the likelihood is that he will be back in Britain for the Suntory world matchplay championship and Dunhill Cup.

With Ballesteros and Langer already "bought" for the German Open, there was, presumably, not enough left in the kitty to attract Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam. Sandy Lyle is absent, playing in the World Series in America, but Mark McNulty defends the title he won with a record aggregate of 259 last year.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	416	4	10	355	4
2	427	4	11	175	3
3	465	4	12	407	4
4	175	3	13	424	4
5	547	5	14	367	4
6	340	4	15	484	5
7	219	3	16	175	3
8	416	4	17	485	5
9	430	4	18	432	4
Out	3435	35	In	3314	36

Total yardage: 6749 Par: 71

Scots are out to prove miles better

By Patricia Davies

The city fathers would have us believe that Glasgow is miles better and there is no doubt that the Scots on the women's European tour relish the thought of competing in the Bowring Scottish Open, which starts today at Cawder.

Dale Reid, who won the title in a play-off with Laura Davies last year, was adamant that a Scottish player would win this year as well, expounding the theory that they always seemed to perform well on home territory with their supporters urging them on.

Many people find that sort of expectation too much: witness how few Irishmen win the Carrolls Irish Open or Swedes the Scandinavian Enterprise Open. But no one denies that the Scots are different, particularly when it comes to golf.

Reid, without playing particularly well this season after leading the Woolmark order of merit last year, is still fourth on the money list and has one victory to her credit, in the European Open at Kingswood.

She has an extra incentive to do well this week, for her trip to Scandinavia for the Danish and Swedish Opens landed her with a hefty car-parking bill. Arriving late at Heathrow for her flight to Copenhagen, she left the car in the nearest park, discovering on her return to it that it was one of the short-stay jobs and that she owed more than £400. Not the best of welcomes home.

With Davies, Liselotte Neumann and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, Europe's No. 1 this season, all chasing the dollar at the Nestlé world championship in Georgia, Glasgow's first prize of £6,000 will be eyed greedily not only by Reid and fellow Scots like Cathy Panton and Gillian Stewart, but also by the likes of Alison Nicholas and Corinne Dibnah, the past and present British Open champions.

Tebbet round is better than day's standard

By John Hennessy

Katie Tebbet, a young golfer of hybrid background, took the lead on the first day of the British women's stroke-play championship with a round of 77 over the perilous links of Royal Porthcawl.

This is technically three over par and two over the standard scratch score for the 6,073-yard layout prepared under the supervision of Vicki Thomas, who was six times Welsh champion and the fount of all women's golfing knowledge in these parts.

In the blustery wind, bearing chilling rain early in the day, Thomas, who lies joint second on 78, thought that score a more realistic standard for the day. Tebbet, aged 21, is from Essex by birth, Warwickshire by upbringing, Cheshire by club attachment and Scottish by domicile, now that her father has moved from Prestbury to become secretary at Gullane.

There was, at least yesterday, also a Sussex connection, since she attributed her score partly to the example set by her playing partner, Karen Mitchell, of Worthing, an acknowledged short-game specialist. Porthcawl on such a day places a premium on play round the green. As Tebbet remarked: "You're bound to miss some greens in these conditions."

She practised what she would later preach by a single putt at the first four holes to go one under the strict par. A penalty drop on the 8th and a five-wood into deep rough at the next took her to one over at the turn.

She kept her game together coming home and dropped only one more shot, when a five-iron was too little club against the wind at the 145-yard 14th. Altogether she took only 29 putts.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 77: K Tebbet (Prestbury). 78: V Thomas (Pernard), E Farquharson (Deeside), M McKenna (Donabate), J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry), L Fairclough (Chorley), S Robinson (Heswall). 79: K Mitchell (Worthing). 80: J Morley (Sale), S Gallagher (Peebles), T Samuel (Canada), E McDaid (Shubbereen). 81: H Wadsworth (Royal Cinque Ports). 82: L Bayman (The Berkshire), M C Navarro (Spain). 83: T Craik (Frilford Heath), J Forbes (Aboyne); C Lambert (Stirling University).

Waites has a late fight on his hands

Brian Waites, the former Ryder Cup player, survived a fightback by Robert Ellis, a fellow Nottinghamshire professional, to reach the semi-finals of the Pannell Kerr Forster Midland match-play championship at Hinckley.

Three up with three holes to play, Waites lost the next two to Ellis, who was denied extra time only when he narrowly missed from 20 feet for a birdie at the last.

Tomorrow Waites meets Graham Farr, of Ludlow, who defeated Kevin Valentine (Hill Valley) at the 20th. The other semi-final is between Joe Higgins (Patshull Park) and Jeremy Robinson (Woodhall Spa).

RESULTS: Third round: K Valentine (Hill Valley) bt R Stephenson (Kirby Muxloe), 5 and 3; G Farr (Ludlow) bt L Bashford (Sutton Coldfield), 7 and 6; R Ellis (Ruddington Grange) bt L Turner (unatt), 2 and 1; B Waites (Notts) bt G Mercer (Rose Hill), 5 and 4; J Higgins (Patshull Park) bt K Dickens (Cold Ashby), 2 holes, P Elson (Elite Promotions) bt D J Russell (Edenburgh Woollen Mill), at 21st; J Annable (Walsall) bt G Stafford (Gainsborough), 6 and 5, J Robinson (Woodhall Spa) bt M Chamberlain (Purley Chase), 4 and 2. Quarter-finals: Farr bt Valentine, at 20th; Waites bt Ellis, 1 hole, Higgins bt Elson, 5 and 3; Robinson bt Annable, 2 and 1.

Foster's twin deal

Steve Foster, the Luton Town captain, has signed a two-year contract but has relinquished the post of player-coach after a year. Foster said he felt he could not give the job total commitment alongside his duties as captain.

Stoke regain title

Stoke, who last won the National League speedway pairs championship four years ago, regained the title at Poole. Graham Jones and Steve Bastable scored maximum points over Steve Schofield and David Biles in the final.

In double focus

Beijing (AP) — China's national television station will televise 184 hours of the Seoul Olympics, twice the time it devoted to the Los Angeles.

Newbridge blows

Terry Shaw, the Welsh international lock, and Paul Turner, the Wales B stand-off half, may miss Saturday's Snelling sevens tournament for Newbridge at Newport. Shaw (knee), Turner (rib) and Mark Brown, Pontypool's captain and Wales flanker (hamstring) are likely to be the most notable absentees.

SQUASH RACKETS

Cairns extends Jansher

Auckland (AFP) — Jansher Khan, the Pakistan world No. 1, was kept on court for more than an hour by Mark Cairns, of England, a qualifier, before Jansher advanced to the second round of the New Zealand Open here yesterday.

Jansher, tired from a 16-hour flight, showed only occasional flashes of brilliance against Cairns, ranked 104 and aged 21. Jansher won 9-2, 9-4, 9-3 and now meets Geoff Hunt, the former world champion, who beat Markus Seiffert, of Switzerland, in straight games.

Susan Devoy, the women's world champion, beat Marie Pearson, another New Zealander, 9-3, 9-2, 9-6, and Lisa Opie, of England, seeded to meet Devoy in the final, also advanced without dropping a game.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

MAHWAH, New Jersey: United Jersey Bank Classics: First round: D Balestrat (Aus) bt N Provis (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; I Dempongeot (Fr) bt J Wiessner (Austria), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; J Haladi (Fr) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 7-6, 6-2; N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Inoue (Japan), 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; B Fulco (Arg) bt B Cornwell (NZ), 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; C Lundqvist (Swe) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-3, 6-4.

JERICHO, New York: Hamlet Challenge Cup: Men's singles: First round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; A Mansdorf (Israel) bt A Kratzstein (US), 6-5.

RYE BROOK, New York: Ryal Brook men's tournament: Singles: First round: P Sampras (US) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-5 7-6; J Bates (GB) bt S Guy (NZ), 1-6, 6-4, 7-6; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-4, 7-6, J Frana (Arg) bt L Smiras (US), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, D Nargiso (It) bt C Hooper (US), 3-1 retired; E Massu (Argentina), bt T Carbonell (Spl, 6-3, 7-5; G Bloom (Israel) led J Sanchez (Sp), 2-1.

YARA: LTA VW National Ranking Tournament: Finals: Men's singles: B Parker bt R Plews 6-0, 6-1. Women's singles: A Clayton bt M Phillip 6-2, 6-3.

CONSETT: LTA VW National Ranking Tournament: Finals: Men's singles: S Damer bt G Fowler 7-5, 6-7, 8-6. Women's singles. E Andrew bt J Brews 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: New York Yankees 5, Oakland A's 4, Boston Red Sox 10, California Angels 2; Minnesota Twins 7, Detroit Tigers 5 (10 innings); Cleveland Indians 6, Milwaukee Brewers 2, Kansas City Royals 11, Texas Rangers 7; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Chicago White Sox 2; Seattle Mariners at Baltimore Orioles postponed. National League: Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Cincinnati Reds 0, Chicago Cubs 9, Houston Astros 3, St Louis Cardinals 7, Atlanta Braves 0; San Diego Padres 9, Philadelphia Phillies 1; New York Mets 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1, Montreal Expos 2, San Francisco Giants 1.

FLORENCE: World championships: Italy 10, Spain 0.

SQUASH RACKETS

AUCKLAND, New Zealand: New Zealand Open: First round: Men (New Zealand unless stated): Jansher Khan (Pak) bt M Cairns (Eng), 9-2 9-4 9-3, G Hunt (Aus) bt M Seifert (Switz), 9-1, 9-5, 9-3, B Martin (Aus) bt B Newton (Aus), 4-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-4, J Hickor (Eng) bt M Maclean (Sco), 9-7, 9-1, 9-6, R Norman bt D Lovett, 9-2, 9-2, 9-7, S Cunningham bt M Robberds (Aus), 2-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-0, R Thorne (Aus) bt M McSherry, 9-1, 9-5, 9-3, R Eyles (Aus) bt L Cooper, 9-5, 10-8, 9-1; P Waddock (Eng) bt J Gorrerup (Swe), 10-8, 9-4, 9-5, T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P Coll (HK), 6-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-8, D Harris (Eng) bt M Perry (Aus), 9-2, 9-1, 9-4, R Martin (Aus) bt R Hayes, 9-6, 9-0, 9-3; D Meddings (Eng) bt S Harrison, 10-8, 9-4, 9-2; C Robertson (Aus) bt P Carter (Eng), 9-1, 9-5, 5-8 9-4, G Wilson bt P Hill (Singapore), 8-9, 9-2, 10-9, 9-2, C Dittmar (Aus) bt J Ransome (Eng), 9-4, 9-6, 9-2. Women: S Devoy bt M Pearson, 9-3, 9-2, 9-0; D Brady (Aus) bt L Curteen, 9-3, 9-2, 9-1, R Lamboume (Aus) bt A Paton (Can), 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; F Townsend bt L Vails (Spl, 9-6, 9-3, 9-0, M Le Moignan (Eng) bt A Owen, 9-1, 9-1, 9-4; C Te Kani bt M Galloway (Eng), 9-0, 9-4, 9-4; L Soutter (Eng) bt M Fukudow (Japan), 9-0, 9-1, 9-2, T Roberts (Eng) bt R McFarlane, 9-7, 9-1, 9-3, R Best (Ire) bt S Taylor, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; J Williams bt K Lesbourn, 9-6, 9-0, 9-1, S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Burgess, 9-4, 9-1, 1-9, 9-2; E Irving (Aus) bt J Webster, 9-2, 9-5, 9-5; R Belford (Aus) bt S Kearney, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; M Martin (Aus) bt C Hayes, 9-2, 9-5, 9-7; D Newton bt C Dora (Swe), 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; L Opie (Eng) bt J Phillips, 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.

YACHTING

FELIXSTOWE: National Freefly championships: Third race: 1, D and N Derby (Castleways); 2, T Peters and S Robinson, (West Kirby); 3, I Goss and H Bradshaw (Wessex Exiles).

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Men's under-25 singles: First round: G Morris (Lincs) bt A Quinney (N Cambs), 21-16; I G Baker (Hunts) bt P Harlord (Normants), 21-11, T Lee (Derby) bt P Hart (N Essex), 21-9, D Scott (Notts) bt S Yallop (N Essex), 21-17; J Nixon (Suffolk) bt A Bowe (Cleveland), 21-19, C Turner (Norfolk) bt R Chester (Derby), 21-17, P Brown (Normants) bt M Dobson (Durham), 21-13, D Robson (Northumberland) bt G Howe (Durham), 21-8; B Dent (Humberside) bt A Tomlinson (Norfolk), 21-7. Women's under-25 singles: First round: C Gapp (Norfolk) bt A Savage (N Cambs), 21-12, S Dickinson (Durham) bt S Lambert (Hunts), 21-11; S Kemp (Suffolk) bt S Hopkinson (Derby), 21-17; H Norman (Suffolk) bt M Brunole (Normants), 21-20; E Novak (Normants) bt S Archer (Derby), 21-9, G Chapman (Northumberland), bt D Sargeant (Lincs), 21-18.

Men's pairs: First round: Ruston Buoyms (Lincs) bt East Hull United, 21-13; Melbourne (Humberside) bt Perkins Sports (Normants), 24-10; Birdbrook (N Essex) bt Sherwood (Notts), 19-16; Whissonsett (Norfolk) bt Elm Tree (Cleveland), 26-10, Brampton (Hunts) bt Kirby Cane (Suffolk), 17-16; Cleethorpes bt Baker Perkins (Northants), 19-18. Men's two-wood rinks: First round: WWMCC (N Cambs) bt St Botolph's (Suffolk), 21-12, Creswell (Derby) bt Baker Perkins, 17-16; Broughton (Humberside) bt Haverhill Ex-Servicemen (N Essex), 19-18, Grantham Town bt Rockland Wine Hart (Norfolk), 21-14; Fakenham British Legion (Norfolk) bt Pallister (Cleveland), 28-19; Brampton (Hunts) bt Somersham Black Bull (Hunts), 23-7; Sutton Colliery (Notts) bt Elm Tree (Cleveland), 22-11; Perkins Sports bt Goxhill (Humberside), 26-18; Chapel Hill (Lincs) bt Long Eaton Silver Band, 24-14; Reedhead West Park (Durham) bt Hirst Park (Northumberland), 24-21. Women's pairs: First round: Otley (Suffolk) bt Thornaby Village (Cleveland), 20-14; Heaton (Northumberland) bt Peterborough, 18-13; Hemingfords (Hunts) bt Morven Park (Notts), 22-8, Normridge (Suffolk) bt Readhead (Durham), 16-15; Ilkeston Victoria Park (Derby) bt Anglia Bowls Centre (Norfolk), 20-12; Dunston (Durham) bt Wrmensea (Humberside), 16-13; Swineshead (Lincs) bt Creswell (Derby), 27-16; Wathensea (Humberside) bt Walker Victory (Northumberland), 20-12; Newstead (Notts) bt Bramble Lane (N Cambs), 20-12. Women's two-wood rinks: First round: Goole (Humberside) bt Middlesbrough, 25-13; Astley Park (Northumberland) bt Beccles, 27-12; Perrys (Humberside) bt Morven Park (Notts), 25-14, Dunston (Durham) bt Clare (N Essex), 26-17; Skegness WMC (Lincs) bt Stone Lodge (Suffolk), 30-11; Rockland White Hart (Norfolk) bt Hemingfords (Hunts), 21-14, Teasside bt Moirs (Normants) 25-19; Heaton (Northumberland) bt Tungate (Norfolk), 23-17, Woolpack (N Cambs) bt Capstone (Derby), 18-15.

LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria Insurance women's national championships: Triples: Semi-finals: Sunbury Sports, Middx. (S McNeil, L Brownlie, M Sawtell) bt Appleby Frodingham, Lincs (L Reeder, P Hopper, K Wilson), 17-12; Burnham, Bucks (J Collison, A Emidge, M Price) bt Lenham, Kent (A Ellis, S Haynes, R Haynes) 18-15. Two-wood singles: Quarter-finals: J Royle nce (North Wiltsham) bt P Wilson (Hemsley, Yorks), 15-10; V Thompson (Hinckley, Lincs) bt G Rees (Bromsgrove, Worcs), 14-13; G Daniel (Penryn, Cornwall) bt M Gooding (Exmouth, Devon), 19-6; D Paddon (West Wimbledon) bt N Haward (Hartlepl), 14-13. Semi-finals: Roylance bt Thompson, 14-8; Daniel bt Paddon, 16-13. Final: Roylance bt Daniel, 18-5.

RUGBY UNION

TOOWOOMBA, Queensland: Tour match: Queensland Country Schools 21, England Schools 18.

FOOTBALL

SKOL CUP: Third round: Hibernian 1, Kilmarnock 0; Meadowbank Thistle 0, Heart of Midlothian 2 (at Falkirk); Morton 1, Aberdeen 2.

IRISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Larne 1, Glentoran 1; Crusaders 1, Carrick 0; Ballymena 1, Coleraine 3; Cliftonville 3, Distillery 3 Ards 0, Ballyclare 0.

LOMBARD AND ULSTER CUP: Group A: Larne 1 Glentoran 1, Crusaders 1 Carrick Rangers 0 Group B: Cliftonville 3 Distillery 3. Group C: Ballymena Utd 1 Coleraine 3, Ards 0 Ballyclare Comrades 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 1 Caernarfon 1; Workso p 1, Shepshed 2. Matlock 2, Mossley 0. Stalybridge Celtic 2, Buxton 3; Fleetwood 1, Southport 0. Marine 2, Witton 0, Gainsborough 1, Gateshead 0; Goole 2, Frickley 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Dartford 3, Leicester United 0; Crawley 1, Dorchester 1, Moor Green 2, Merthyr Tydfil 0, Reddich 0, Bath 6; Bedworth 2, Cambridge City 0; Ashford 1, Fareham 0, Burton 2, Alvechurch 4; Gosport 2, Weaidstone 2; Dover 2, Waterlooville 1.

Midland division: Ashtree Highfield 2, Grantham 1, Baston 2, Coventry Sporong 0; Forest Green 1, Dudley 1; King's Lynn 1, Atherstone 1; Tamworth 3, Halesowen 0; Southern division: Baldock 0, Corinthian 0, Burnham 2, Andover 2, Dunstable 0, Witney 0; Erith and Belvedere 4, Folkestone 2, Hastings Town 1, Thanet 1; Sheppey 1, Tonbridge 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 0, Bognor Regis 0, Bishop's Stortford 1, Leyton-Wingate 2, Hayes 0, Slough 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Harrow 1; Bromley 1, Kingstonian 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Wokingham 1, Leytonstone-Ilford 3, Carshalton 1. First division: Bracknell 1, Walton and Hersham 2, Chalfont St Peter 2, Collier Row 2, Hitchin 0, Basildon United 3, Leatherhead 0, Staines 1, Metropolitan Police 0 Boreham Wood 1. Second division north: Barton 2, Hertford 1, Billericay 2, Aveley 0; Hemel Hempstead 3, Vauxhall Motors 1; Purfleet 3, Heybridge 2; Rainham Town 4, Hornchurch 4; Tilbury 0, Clapton 0; Ware 2, Letchworth 3, Witham 0, Harlow 1. Second division south: Dorking 2, Ruislip Manor 1; Eastbourne United 4, Molesey 0; Egham 1, Whyteleafe 3, Epsom and Ewell 3, Peters field 3 Maidenhead United 0, Finchley 3, Newbury 1, Flackwell Heath 0; Yeading 3, Hungerford 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamstaple 0, Liskeard 1, Bristol Manor Farm 0, Paulton 2, Exmouth 1, Bideford 0; Swanage 4, Mangotsfield 3.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 8, Atherton LR 2; Colwyn Bay 2, Warrington Town 1, Ellesmere Port and Neston 0, Knowsley United 1; Flixton 5, Formby 1.

CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: AFC Bournemouth 2, Cardiff City 1

LIBERTADORES CUP: Colo Colo (Chile) 2, Union Tachira (Venezuela) 0 (at Santiago), Sport Recife (Brazil) 0, Universitario (Peru) 0 (at Recife).

ATHLETICS

BERN, Switzerland: International meeting: Men: 100m: 1, O Adenken (Nigeria), 10.25secs; 400m: 1, B Nolz (Switz), 46.72; 800m: 1, J Cruz (Br), 1min 44.58secs; 2, D Clark (US), 1.45 06; 3, S Noskei (Ken), 1.45.17. 1,500m: 1, M Kaibousski (Tun), 3min 38.17secs. 110m hurdles: 1, A Campbell (US), 13.56. 400m hurdles: 1, D Patrick (US), 48.58; 2, N Page (US), 49.81. Long jump: 1, L Myricks (US), 8.47m; 2, M Powell (US), 8.32. High jump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.34m. Shot: 1, W Guenthoer (Switz), 22.75m, 2, R Barnes (US), 20.88. Discus: 1, W Schmid (WG), 63.64m. Women: 100m: 1, R Aam (Switz), 11.51. 800m: 1, C Tudorita (Rom), 1.59.04. 100m hurdles: 1, A Paquereau (Fr), 12.95; 2, P Page (US), 13.18. 400m hurdles: 1, D Flintoff-King (Aus), 54.05secs; 2, S Farmer (US), 54.91. Javelin: 1, Y Leal (Cuba), 63.80m Long jump: 1, V Constantin-Ionescu (Rom), 7.03m. High jump: 1, W Brown (US), 1.84.

GOLF

BURHILL: Family foursomes: Mrs M Demeza and J Demeza bt Mrs A Stowold and S Stowold, 2 up; Mrs M Pollitt and R Pollitt bt Mrs B Gunary and R Gunary, 3 and 2; Mrs S Robbins and D Robbins bt R Anderson and Mrs K Kuhler, 2 and 1; Mrs A Tudor and H Tudor bt Mrs R Lavelle and A Lavelle, 1 up; C Constable and Mrs M DiMichele bt T Mote and Mrs E Mote 4 and 2; P Burton and Mrss K Burton vs Williamson and Miss J Williamson scr; Mrs A Giggleswonn and L Giggleswonth bt Mrs A Gibbs and R Gibbs, 5 and 4. Mrs J Fox and N Fox bt Mrs M Judd and A Kidd 5 and 4, J Dobson and Mrss A Dobson bt Mrs S Grant and C Grant, 6 and 5, Mrs E Whiteley and J Whiteley vs J Farbe and Miss K Farlie, scr. Second round: Mrs M Williamson and C Williamson bt Mrs P Baker and P Baker, 1 up, Mrs A Smith and E Stant bt S Roy and Miss A Roy, 6 and 5; Mrs J Holland and H Holland bt Mrs B Parker and R Messegaes, 6 and 5, Mrs P Saggers and P Saggers bt Mrs J Hall and R Hall, 5 and 4, P Harvey and Miss M Harvey bt M Vans Agnew and Miss A Vans Agnew, 3 and 2, Mrs J Robb and A Robb bt J Tullis and Miss V Tullis, 4 and 3, Mrs G Blok and J Blok bt M Haddleton and Miss A Haddleton, 2 and 1, P Cox and Mrs D Marriott bt Mrs K Harvey and M Harvey, 2 up; Mrs H Thorne and J Thorne bt Dr S Cole and Mrs A Read 6 and 5, Mrs J Barley and E Barley bt Mrs H Weller and J Weller, 5 and 4, Mrs J Turner and A Jones bt Mrs P Jardine and S Jardine, at 20th.

**Mrs K and J Green bt Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson 5 and 4, M Cochrane and Miss L Cochrane bt Mrs J Mander and J Mander 3 and 2; B Prosser and Miss S Prosser bt Mrs A Croft and M Croft 2 and 1, Mrs J McFarland and P McFarland bt Mrs H Redford and P Wells 6 and 4, Mrs N Crauford and R Crauford bt Mrs E Morgan and S Morgan 1 up, Mrs M Riley and A Riley bt Mrs B Ritchie and I Ritchie 5 and 4, Mrs R Fletcher and J Fletcher bt Mrs P Raglar and B Raglar 5 and 4, Mrs B Davies and P Davies bt P Sherwood and Miss S Sherwood 3 and 2, Mrs M Addreson and J Addreson bt Mrs P Ellington and B Ellington 2 and 1, Mrs S Greenleaf and A Greenleaf bt Mrs L Ralph and J Ralph 5 and 3; Mrs J Ross and S Ross bt Mrs G Tullis and K Tullis 3 and 2, Mrs V Hargreaves and R Hargreaves bt Mrs G Wood and C Wood at 19th. Mrs I Donald and P Donald bt P Sales and Miss S Sales 1 up, Mrs S Mote and T Mote bt Mrs M Massey and S Massey 6 and 4; Mrs C Bond and S Bond bt J Wilson and Miss J Wilson 1 up, P Allen and Mrs A Allen bt Mrs P Benka and M Benka 4 and 3, Mrs M Pollitt and R Pollitt bt Mrs M Demeza and J Demeza 5 and 4, Mrs S Robbins and D Robbins bt Mrs A Tudor and H Tudor 3 and 1, P Burton and Mrss K Burton bt C Constable and Mrs M DiMichele 3 and 2, Mrs J Fox and N Fox bt Mrs A Wigglesworth and L Wigglesworth 1 up, J Dobson and Miss A Dobson bt Mrs E Whiteley and J Whiteley 2 and 1. Third round: B Prosser and Miss S Prosser bt Mrs J McFarland and P McFarland 6 and 5; Mrs R Fletcher and J Fletcher bt Mrs B Davies and P Davies 5 and 4, Mrs S Greenleaf and A

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Invitation to Coe withdrawn by IOC president

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
West Berlin

COE'S STATEMENT

"Through the various issues and controversies of the last two and a half weeks I have kept my own counsel. I refused the constant requests for interviews. I released only two brief statements.

"At no time have I been in discussion with the British Amateur Athletic Board, the British Olympic Association, the International Olympic Committee or the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Like everyone else, I have followed developments in the media.

"But Mr Samaranch did phone me personally this morning to say that he did not feel able, after all, to extend to me a personal invitation to compete in the Seoul Olympic Games.

"That was my first direct communication of even the prospect of such an invitation.

"These weeks have been something of a switchback ride. During them, I have simply concentrated on getting well again with the help of the BAAB doctor, Malcolm Read, and I have carried on training.

"As an athlete, I must aspire to compete in the Olympic Games. In my particular case, there has been the additional understandable ambition to defend a proud Olympic title that I have won twice in succession.

"I am very grateful to those who made efforts to get me to the Games. I shall look forward to competing in the coming weeks."

In the face of strong opposition, principally from other top athletes, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, yesterday withdrew his invitation to Sebastian Coe to compete in Seoul on a "wild card." But the fact that the initiative was taken in the first place will remain as an indication of the esteem in which Coe is held, both as a competitor and as a maturing sports arbitrator.

It was this which Samaranch highlighted as his reasons for extending the invitation to Coe. "This invitation would have been truly exceptional," the IOC president said yesterday.

"A wild card entry like this is not in the Olympic charter but can be allowed if the international federations permit it. I am sorry at the opposition to what would have been a fitting honour for a great athlete and sports personality.

"I must say I am disappointed at the way things have turned out. I have spoken to Seb Coe and have told him what I have decided. And I have invited him to be present in Seoul as my honoured guest. Apart from his two Olympic gold medals, he has made an important contribution to the Olympic movement."

Coe said yesterday that the call from Samaranch was the first official contact that he had had on the matter, which he had been following, "like everyone else, in the media. As an athlete, I must aspire to compete in the Olympic Games. In my particular case there has been the additional ambition to defend the proud Olympic title that I have won twice in succession."

Coe said he would continue training, with the intention of competing in the coming weeks. According to the IAAF-Mobil Grand Prix organizers in West Berlin, that should begin tomorrow evening, with Coe running in an 800 metres in the stadium that housed the 1936 Olympics.

So the eleventh-hour possibility of Coe still defending the 1,500 metres title – which had seemed lost when he failed in the British Olympic trials – has been averted. And, as Mike Farrell, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association, said yesterday: "I think it's the best for everybody in the short term."

But Farrell went on to suggest what might be acceptable in the future, as long as everyone knew well in advance. "If the IOC were to consider the possibility of every Olympic champion having the chance to compete, that is a different matter. But giving a special invite to Seb was always going to stir up a hornet's nest."

There was a lighter side to the affair, with an interesting idea from Franco Fava, former holder of the Italian 10,000 metres and steeplechase records. Fava, who has seen Said Aouita at close quarters while the Moroccan was living in Italy, suggested that, if Samaranch was going to invite Coe, then the IOC president could also alter the Olympic timetable to suit Aouita, so that the Moroccan could run every event from 800 to 10,000 metres.

"I bet you that if they had one different final each day Aouita would win them all," Fava said. Fortunately again, for all the other athletes competing, this is unlikely to happen.

● Aouita, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion and the man most likely to threaten Steve Cram's chance of Olympic gold, will run in Sunday's McVitie's Challenge meeting at Crystal Palace. But there will be no clash with Cram. The Jarrow athlete runs in the 2,000 metres and Aouita in either the 800 or 1500 metres.

Bruno's Wembley bout in doubt

Tyson's brawl casts a shadow

By Jonathan Rendall

Frank Bruno was bearing up stoically yesterday after a would-be heavyweight contender named Mitch "Blood" Green had put his world title challenge in doubt once more after inducing Mike Tyson into a cobblestones brawl on the streets of New York.

Although both Tyson and Green dispute the exact circumstances, what is certain is that in the early hours of Tuesday morning in Harlem, Tyson hit Green, whom he outpoined in the ring two years ago, this time inflicting facial damage which required five stitches but, in the process, suffered a hairline fracture of his right wrist.

The world champion emerged yesterday with a plaster cast up to his elbow, and only when this is removed in three weeks will his ability to fulfill his engagement with Bruno at Wembley on October 8 be assessed.

Bruno said yesterday: "It's confusing because I thought the fight was definitely on, but that's life. I'll just keep going. If I have to wait another two years, it won't make any difference. I'll stay in the gym."

Micky Duff, the co-promoter of the Tyson-Bruno bout, said: "I have spoken to Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager in New York, and Tyson is carrying on his work, doing everything except hit the bags and spar."

Duff, who has booked Wembley Arena for October 15 and 22 to allow for a possible delay, added: "I am confident the fight will go on as planned, but if the worse comes to the worse we would have to move into an indoor arena. But one thing is certain, Mike Tyson's next fight will be against Frank Bruno."

Ironically, Green had approached Duff in May 1986, after losing to Tyson in Madison Square Garden, with a view to him taking over as his manager from Don King, the American promoter. Duff turned down the offer and described Green as "a freelance troublemaker in search of managers".

Green claimed yesterday that Tyson had attacked him outside an after-hours drinking club following an argument over the 1986 bout. Tyson claimed he had defended himself after Green grabbed him and demanded money as he collected a suit from an all-night clothing store.

Green's bizarre activities are well known to the New York police department. Earlier this year, he was reported to have held up a garage and then dispensed petrol himself for an hour before fleeing. He was apprehended later after a police officer noticed him driving along watching a television mounted on the dashboard.

Green, aged 31, who was jailed for leading a gang in New York's notorious South Bronx area before turning to boxing, was released from his contract by King after he attacked the promoter at a press conference.

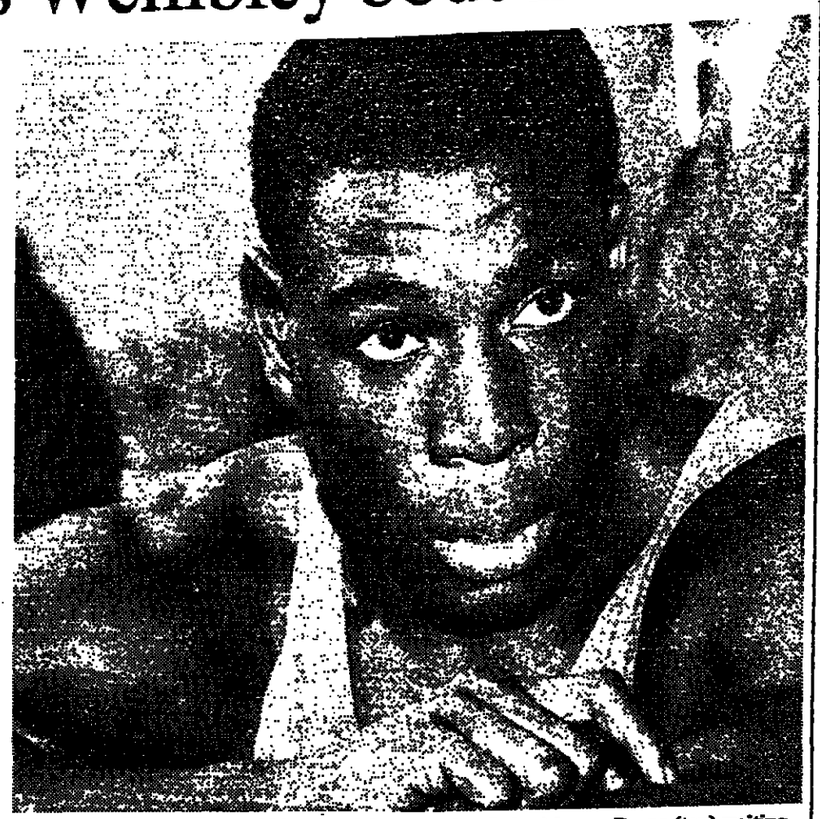
Back in London, Bruno, while admitting to being "very surprised" that Tyson should be consorting with such characters, said he had been attacked himself by a drunken football supporter at this year's FA Cup final.

"It hurt me to walk away from it but I had to," he said. "Sometimes you have to set an example. Tyson has a short fuse but he's only a human being, you've got to remember that."

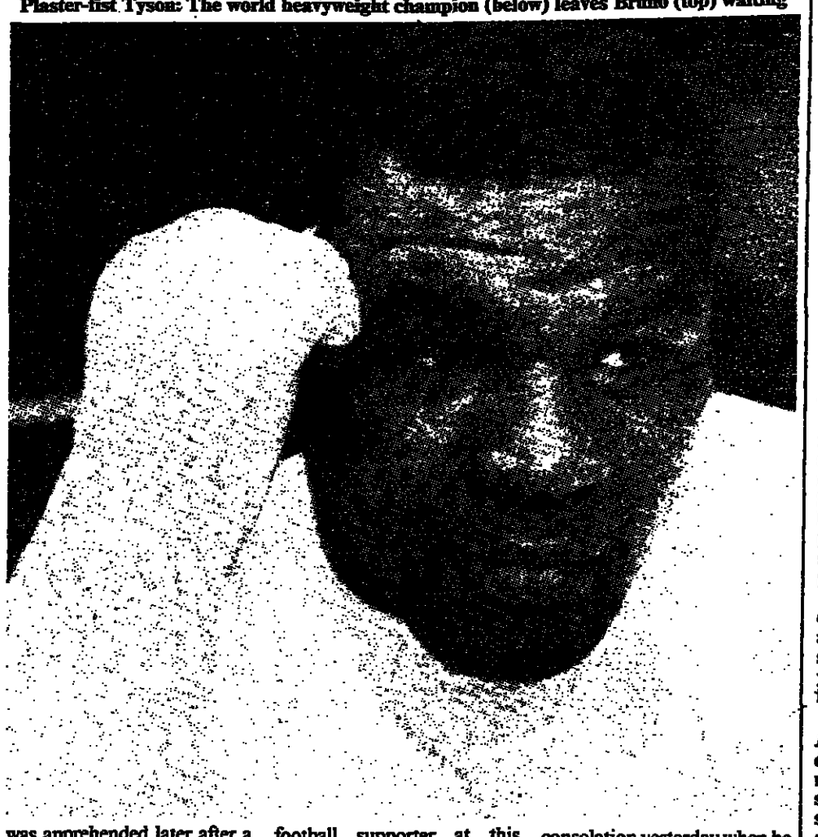
Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, was less charitable. "I'm disappointed with him as heavyweight champion and I feel he has let us down," Lawless said. "I imagine what people are thinking when they hear reports like this."

For Bruno, there was some consolation yesterday when he won shopping vouchers worth £6,000 after his telephone number was picked at random. The prize will provide scant compensation should his reported £1 million title purse fall through, though rather wearily he said: "This may surprise you, but the world doesn't start and finish with Mike Tyson. There's other things to life."

For Tyson there is the prospect of a legal battle outside the ring, as Green is expected to file a charge for assault.



Plaster-fist Tyson: The world heavyweight champion (below) leaves Bruno (top) waiting



END COLUMN

Schools expose a gulf in thinking

From Simon Barnes
Barbados

In this week when the England cricket team search for their lost identity against Sri Lanka, I have been watching England and the West Indies play cricket and competing on more or less equal terms. The England bowlers were just as quick, the England batsmen hit the ball just as hard. The English players went into their games with absolutely no defeatism. That, in itself, was worth travelling 5,600 miles for.

The players were schoolboys, aged 18 at most. And the England boys were up to it. This was the Sir Garfield Sobers tournament, which involved three Barbadian school sides, three from Trinidad and Tobago, and six from England. And it left you wondering what on earth happens to cricketers between the ages of 18 and 23 that makes the gap between English and West Indian cricket so immense?

Let us take Barbados alone. It is not small, it is ridiculously small: 21 miles long, 166 square miles, and a population of a quarter-million. Sherborne School, from England, managed to beat Combermere, one of the top Bajan schools. But Barbados would be a match for any English county. Indeed, I would back Barbados to beat England.

Countries rely on youth policy

"Any country is as good as its youth policy," Wes Hall said at the presentation ceremony. Hall is Minister for Sport and Tourism, as well as being a former deliverer of pace like fire. That does not say a great deal about youth policies in England.

"Our boys seem to mature earlier," Hall said. Sobers, another Bajan, was saying the same thing. "West Indies young cricketers come on faster," he said.

No one who watched Curtly Ambrose this summer will dispute that. "We give them more exposure, and we give it sooner. We play them when we see the ability there. But we don't play them just to give them experience – we play them because they are good. That just doesn't seem to happen in England, and it is one of the big differences between our cricket and yours."

The Bajan top schoolboys are already playing very good club cricket, and there is a seamless transition from club to Shell Shield cricket for Barbados. One of the Bajan schoolboys in last year's competition had already played for Barbados, nor was this spectacularly unusual.

It is the Matt Busby principle, the principle of Manchester United and the Busby Babes, founded on the notion: If they're good enough, they're old enough.

"The coaching here is not much different to yours in England," Sobers said. "If there is a difference in batting techniques, we teach that the bat is the first line of defence, and England seem to use the pad first. But we don't teach any go-for-broke philosophy. We teach our boys to defend properly."

Talent flies out of the window

The English coaching, in the public schools, and where it actually happens, in the clubs, is also likely to be very good. But how much English talent flies out of the window between 18 and 23?

It is not that cricket is for a Bajan "a way out of the ghetto." There are plenty of alternative professions and, for that matter, dozens of different sports on this island.

But, at the same time, cricket has an importance here which nothing else can quite match. CLR James said that cricket was the only unifying factor in the Caribbean. A Uruguayan went further, talking of his own national sport: "Other countries have their history. We have our football." Any Bajan would understand that.

Michael Manley, the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, has published a history of West Indian cricket: "That a Prime Minister gives such importance to the sport says all you could wish about the importance of cricket to the West Indies."

The West Indies, and Barbados, perhaps more than any other island, have established a tradition of remorseless cricketing excellence. And as I saw this week, the 18-year-olds are already a part of that tradition.

Black has ankle operation

Roger Black, the European 400 metres champion, was recovering in a German hospital last night following a serious operation on the ankle injury which has wrecked his Olympic year.

Black, aged 22, from Portsmouth, has been suffering from a stress fracture of his right ankle since February and underwent surgery in Essen yesterday in the hope of curing the problem once and for all.

"The injury had got to the stage where it has just not been improving over the past couple of months," Mike Smith, Black's coach, said, "so it was considered necessary to have the operation, which is quite a serious one. But we are very hopeful that it will prove successful."

Smith explained that the operation involved drilling holes to improve the circulation of the blood to help heal the fracture, and placing a steel screw in the ankle to hold it firm.

"We will now have to wait a few weeks to see how it responds. Roger just hopes to be back in action again as soon as possible," he said, acknowledging that this season is out of the question.

Black, part of Smith's brilliant squad of Team Solent 400 metres runners, had a hamstring problem last year which meant he was not fit enough to compete in the individual 400 metres in the world championships, but still helped Britain to silver in the 4 x 400 metres relay.

Robson in FA inquiry on conduct

Bryan Robson, the England captain, is set to appear before a Football Association committee to answer questions about his recent conduct. There is a strong possibility that he could be stripped of the captaincy before next month's match against Denmark, at Wembley.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, Ted Croker, the FA general secretary, Dick Wragg, the international chairman, will want to know about an alleged incident involving Robson at a nightclub before the European championship.

Robson, who has captained England more than 40 times, also faces a drink-driving charge. He was stopped by police days after he had returned from West Germany.

The FA is aware that cricket made an example of Mike Gatting during the Test series against the West Indies and that it must also be seen to adopt a tough stance.

Robson is apparently considering taking legal action against certain newspapers over the nightclub incident, after an alleged drinking spree. He may be able to satisfy the committee on that point, but if he is convicted of a drink-driving offence it could cost him dearly.

The England squad to play Denmark will be announced on Monday week and the FA expects to have settled the issue by then.

● Dennis Wise, Wimbledon's unsettled winger, could join Sheffield Wednesday in an exchange deal involving Larry May, the centre half.

May, a £200,000 signing from Barnsley 18 months ago, looked destined to move to Brighton in a £175,000 deal earlier this week.

Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, has made a similar offer for May and Howard Wilkinson's interest in Wise, who is priced at £1.5 million, could be rekindled.

Stoke City are also interested in May, who was having talks yesterday.

Aggressive Hodge wins world title

From Peter Bryan, Ghent

Sally Hodge last night gave Britain its first women's world championship track cycling victory in 22 years when she took the 30 kilometres points title here.

Now all the tiny Welsh woman wants is the gold medal to go with the rainbow jersey of world champion.

Originally, it was decided to include the points race in the programme as a demonstration event so that officials might judge its appeal both to riders and spectators. But two days ago the world body, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), said the race would be given full championship status, although too late to have the gold, silver and bronze medals struck.

The missing medal was of no immediate concern to Hodge, aged 22, who, in a two weeks' time, will leave behind her Cardiff home with Britain's team for the Seoul Olympics.

The points race, covering 120 laps of the 250-metre Blaarmeeren wooden track, required the 17 starters to sprint for points every sixth lap, with double points awarded at the sixtieth and the final laps.

Britain had two riders in the race, with Carol Langley in a support role to Hodge to chase any breakaways and generally helping to protect her colleague. Langley's job was well done, as Hodge was the first to agree. "Carol was wonderful and we worked well together," she said.

Hodge is well suited to the fast, attacking style demanded by the event, as her background is that of a sprinter who "got bored" with that discipline and turned instead to pursuiting.

Last night, she rode with the intention of gaining an early points score not only to put her in with a chance of a medal but also to give her increased confidence in the tightly-packed bunch. Her plan worked and she scored from the first sprint and, by dint of hard work and track craft, Hodge was soon in the lead, an advantage which she never lost.

The Dutch riders were her most dangerous opponents, threatening well into three-quarter distance, but the trackside use of walkie-talkie sets and "secret" signals by the British team kept the Welsh woman up to date with her increasing points tally and those of her rivals.

In the end, it was Barbara Ganz, of Switzerland, who finished runner-up, five points behind Hodge's 37-point score, making her the first British woman world champion since Beryl Burton's pusuit triumph 22 years ago.

Tony Doyle was attempting to make it a double gold night for Britain when he reached the final of the professional 5,000 metre pursuit, in which he was meeting Lech Piasecki, of Poland.

Suspended over drugs

Colorado Springs (AP) – One of the women in contention for a place in the United States Olympic basketball team has tested positive for drugs and been suspended from competition for six months, the US Amateur Basketball Association announced yesterday.

The player, who was not named, is the latest to drop out of the squad. Beverly Williams and Penny Toler were dropped after the training camp; before the squad gathered for training here, Vicki Orr withdrew because of continuing knee problems and Cheryl Miller was released after also injuring her knee again.

Clarissa Davis, Fran Harris and Chana Perry have also be dropped, leaving the party one below strength at 11.

Players give DeFreitas cold shoulder

Leicestershire have dropped Phillip DeFreitas, the departing England all-rounder, for the Britannic Assurance County Championship match against Glamorgan starting today. The decision follows DeFreitas's request to be released at the end of the season.

Mike Turner, the Leicestershire chief executive, said: "A number of players believe that DeFreitas should not be in the side because of his attitude. I think it is in our best interest to get on without him. He is still under contract until the end of the season and might have to play again if we ran into severe injury problems."

Yorkshire leave Jarvis, the England fast bowler, out against Middlesex. Jarvis is still complaining of back trouble. Peter Hartley is fit to resume after injury, in place of Dennis, and Love returns for Sharp. Needham replaces Emburey for Middlesex and Hughes is included, although whether he or Tufnell are selected will depend on the Headingley pitch.

Kallicharran will make his first county championship appearance since June for Warwickshire against Worcestershire. Kallicharran and Paul Smith have recovered from broken fingers, but Merrick, the West Indian fast bowler, is again ruled out and his place goes to Donald. Reeve will open at Worcester.

Sussex include three wicketkeepers against Kent Speight, the Durham University student, aged 20, coming in at Maidstone, although Moores is likely to remain behind the stumps while Speight and Gould will have purely batting duties. Penn, the fast bowler, returns for the championship leaders after shoulder and back problems.

Clinton, the Surrey opening batsman, returns against Lancashire at the Oval after a thigh injury, with Bullen likely to be twelfth man.

Jefferies, the Hampshire fast bowler, has recovered from a chest muscle injury to face Somerset at Taunton.

Hampshire retain Scott for Robin Smith after his maiden century against the Sri Lankans this week. Ayling, Chris Smith, Parks and Bakker all return after injury.

Foster's scare

Neil Foster, the England fast bowler, turned an ankle yesterday during net practice for the Cornhill Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's starting today. Foster, who has been England's leading bowler in his two matches this summer, taking nine wickets against West Indies, had to return to the pavilion for treatment but expects to be fit for today's match.

Keeping the faith

David Hughes, who has led Lancashire over the past two seasons, has been re-appointed captain next season and the county has also offered Jack Simmons, aged 48, a contract.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Anchorage says yes

Residents of Anchorage have backed the Alaskan city's plan to host the 1994 winter Olympics. The venue will be chosen by the International Olympic Committee at Seoul on September 15.

Voters supported a referendum to guarantee the financing of the games by the city by a two-to-one margin. The other contenders are Sofia, Ostersund-Are, in Sweden, and Lillehammer, in Norway.

Samoan no

Western Samoa has dropped its request to New Zealand to allow two Samoan-born All Blacks, Michael Jones and John Schuster, to join the islanders' tour of Wales in October. An official of the Samoan National Rugby Union said it had had done so because it believed the Welsh tour could jeopardise the players' career interests."

Assault charge

Dino Ciccarelli, an ice hockey player with Minnesota North Stars, was convicted of assaulting a player with his stick during a NHL game in Toronto last season. He was sentenced to a day in jail and fined $1,000 (about £600).

Feaver post

John Feaver, the former Davis Cup player, heads a new Lawn Tennis Association department dealing with all competitive play.

Tour dates

Australia, the lacrosse world cup holders, play three matches against England during a three-week tour starting on September 21.

FIXTURES: September 24: Old Trafford. October 1: Gosling Stadium, Herts. October 8: Motspur Park, Surrey.

Cup unified

This year's County Cup winter tennis championships will be played over the same weekend, December 2 to 4, for the first time ever.

Cup extension

Neale Fraser, Australia's Davis Cup tennis captain since 1970, was reappointed to a further two-year term yesterday. Fraser has captained Australia to four cup victories.

Sprint record

Erika Salumyae broke her own world sprint record at the Soviet Union championships in Moscow yesterday. She was timed in 11.210sec for the final 200 metres, slicing 0.22sec off the previous best she set there a year ago.

Johnson plan

Toronto (AFP) – Ben Johnson, the world 100 metres champion, may head for Japan next week to complete his Olympic training. Johnson, beaten by Carl Lewis, Calvin Smith and Dennis Mitchell in Zurich and Cologne last week, said: "Those defeats don't alter my confidence. I'm more determined than ever to win in Seoul," he said. "He needs to relax," Charlie Francis, his coach, said.

Miss Piggott given short term licence

The Jockey Club has granted Maureen Piggott a temporary trainer's licence following the serious injuries sustained by her mother, Susan, in a riding accident on Friday.

Miss Piggott, aged 27, has achieved notable success riding in three-day events, representing Britain in important international competition on three occasions.

The Jockey Club accepted that Miss Piggott had effectively been assistant trainer to her mother at Eve Lodge stables since her father, Lester, was jailed on tax evasion charges last October.

Miss Piggott reported yesterday that there was little change in the condition of her mother, who remains seriously ill at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

"She's much the same, but going in the right direction," Miss Piggott said.

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